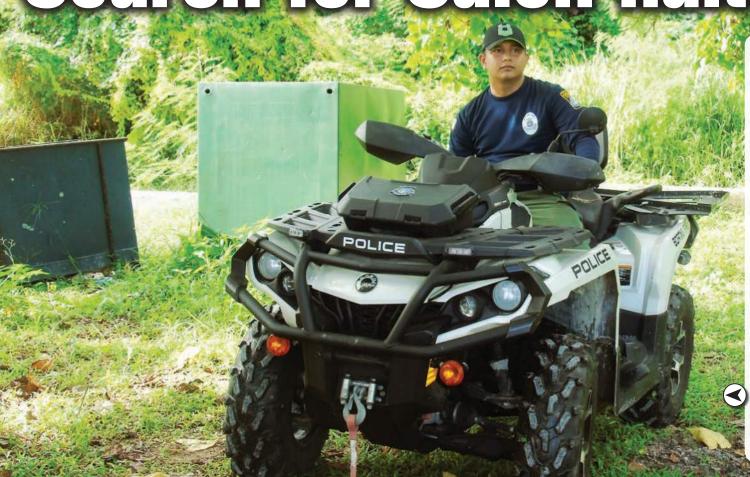
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# **INVESTIGATION CONTINUES BUT...** rch for Saleh halted



By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

issing lawyer Jamal A. Saleh had a cellphone with him when he took an early morning walk from his home in As Teo last Tuesday, Saipan Tribune learned.

>> Lawyer had cellphone when he left house

That's what prompted the Department of Public Safety to focus their search in Kagman, San Vicente, and Laulau Beach areas on Thursday

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Police detective John Hofschneider uses a Gator utility vehicle during the search for missing assistant public defender Jamal Saleh at Laulau Beach area last Friday. As of last night, Saleh was still

### United ending flights to Sapporo, Palau route

By BEA CABRERA

Weeks after Delta Air Lines announced that it is suspending Guam-Narita flights effective next year, United Airlines announced last week that it will terminate its Guam-Sap>> Airline reducing number of flights to other Japanese cities

poro route effective Jan. 15, 2018, and flights from Palau to Yap will end on Jan. 7, 2018.

According to a story first published by Pacific Daily News, the announcement came from United Airlines president Scott Kirby through an email sent to United Airline employees.

The email also stated that United

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### Man with LV warrant arrested at Saipan airport

A man who is wanted in Las Vegas. Nevada, was arrested by authori-

Saipan Tribune learned.

Attorney Joaquin Torres confirmed ties at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan last night with Saipan Tribune that at-International Airport last Thursday, torney Matthew Holley, a member of

their law firm, represents the person, identified as Chungwei Xu.

Torres said he believes that Xu

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### Govt paid \$942.772K for Judicial building loan in fiscal year 2017

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The CNMI government made payments totaling \$942,772 for the judicial building loan in fiscal year 2017, leaving an outstanding balance of \$3,667,219 as of Sept. 15, 2017, accord-

employer

ing to Settlement Fund trustee Joyce cal years 2014 through 2016. C. H. Tang.

At the same time, the Public School System is now current with

>> Govt still owes \$3.7M

>> PSS now current with contributions

its employer contributions, said Tang and Settlement Fund inhouse counsel Nicole Torres.

Tang earlier reported that PSS owes \$212,239 in employer contributions from fis-

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Mount Carmel School holds its annual celebration of Cultural Diversity Day.





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Hurricane Nate came ashore along Mississippi's coast outside Biloxi early Sunday.

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The trial of two accused of killing Kim Jung Un's brother enters its second week.

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KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

A proclamation signing was held at the Governor's Office designating October as Youth Empowerment Month. October is also designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Red Ribbon Month.



# 3 proclamation signings herald Oct. observances

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly\_bautista@saipantribune.com

The month of October will be doing a lot of heavy lifting, having been designated as a month to promote youth empowerment, the fight against domestic and sexual violence, and drug-free campuses.

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres held multiple proclamations throughout last week that would benefit the islands' welfare by appealing to the youth, students, and families.

Last Tuesday, a proclamation was held at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall to highlight the battle against domestic violence.

Families all over the Marianas experience domestic violence, some cases worse than others. The Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence wants to spread awareness that there is an organization that is ready and willing to help those trapped in a violent household.

Throughout October, the coalition will host walks in neighbourhoods to spread awareness, they will be on radio stations to promote the cause, and they will also administer outreach programs on

Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for the public to be aware of the help that the coalition is willing to give.

A separate proclamation signing was held last Wednesday at the Garapan Elementary School to promote drug-free campusese.

GES was chosen to lead the monthlong campaign to promote drug-free campuses after winning the Red Ribbon Campaign's gate decorating competition last year.

According to school principal Laila Yumul, the campaign promotes healthy, drug-free living through various education, prevention, and outreach programs. GES will be hosting several activities and different agencies will share presentations on how to stay drug-free. There will also be a roadside waving and a day where student will wear red.

Last Thursday, another proclamation signing at the Governor's Office designated October as Youth Empowerment Month.

According to Youth Affairs Office special assistant Shalaine Borja, the month will be filled with radio show appearances, an empowerment walk, and a Youth Takeover Day for government agencies.

### A GOP delegate 'would have great advantage'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres believes a Republican delegate representing the islands in the U.S. Congress would be a "great advantage" for the CNMI.

When sought for comments on Rep. Angel Demapan's (R-Saipan) declaration last Oct. 4 that he intends to run for CNMI delegate in the upcoming 2018 elections, Torres said through press secretary Kevin Bautista that the CNMI governor has faith in Demapan.

"I believe in Angel, and I've seen him work with the other members in our Legislature so

I have faith in his leadership," said Torres. Bautista noted that the statement came from the governor himself.

"It would be a great advantage for us if we have a Republican delegate in Washington, D.C. There is a great opportunity that our concerns will be heard. It would be an advantage for me also if the delegate is a Republican because we will be on the same page and it would be easy for both of us to work on CNMI issues," added Torres in a statement.

Majority of the seats in Congress are currently held by the Republican Party, technically making the current delegate, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-

MP), a member of the minority bloc that is composed of politicians that are considered independents, as well as members of the Democratic Party.

Former lawmaker Felicidad Ogumoro, who is acting president of the NMI Republican Party, said yesterday that they have already approved Demapan's intent.

Ogumoro added that the CNMI GOP has opted to "endorse him as a candidate for the delegate position."

Demapan told Saipan Tribune yesterday that he is grateful to receive the CNMI GOP endorsement.

"This is an affirmation of our vision for a unified lead-

ership locally and at the national level. We believe that opportunities are greater when the Commonwealth's voice is united and when there's a concerted effort to ensure that our concerns are heard and addressed," said Demapan, adding that his committee-toelect, known as Demapan for Congress, is "ready to work alongside" the GOP to "reach out to the community and earn their confidence so that we can build upon the progress we are seeing from our Republican

According to Ogumoro, the CNMI GOP unanimously voted to accept Demapan's letter of intent to run for delegate. She added that the board unanimously voted to endorse Demapan. Ogumoro said she,

leadership.'

CNMI GOP vice president Vince Torres, secretary Glenna Reyes, and treasurer Rufin Inos attended the meeting last Thursday. Ogumoro also noted that president James Ada was off island.

In a previous interview, Sablan cited the experience he has gained in the last nine years as delegate of the CNMI as well as the "trust I have built with [both] Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate."

Sablan noted that he remains focused on "complex issues" surrounding the CNMI such

in the CNMI; keeping the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. open beyond 2019, the period when Obamacare funding runs out; making sure there are enough workers beyond 2019; extending the special food assistance program that he got enacted to law; and renewing the asylum ban that makes Chinese tourism possible. Currently, American Samoa

as proposed military buildup

Delegate Amata Coleman Radewagen is the only territory representative who is a Republican.





#### Ex-BSI shift manager files discrimination suit By FERDIE DE LA TORRE damages, court costs, and at-

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A former shift manager at Best Sunshine Live filed last week in federal court a discrimination lawsuit against Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC and Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd.

Rovie Anne Chopitea is suing Imperial Pacific for discrimination under Title VII, retaliation, and violation of the Equal Pay Act.

Chopitea, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, is demanding back pay with prejudgment interest, compensation, torney's fees.

According to Guidotti in the complaint, Chopitea claims that Gizelle Leong, an assistant director with IPI; David Loi, a third shift manager; Elaine Chao, director of lovalty marketing, and other IPI employees conspired to create a hostile working environment for her that worsened her hypertension

Chopitea, a CW-1 worker from the Philippines, alleged that she was paid much less than others in the same position and doing the same job.

Guidotti said that Chopitea filed a grievance with the IPI human resources department but the department never took action on the matter.

After getting no response from human resources for over a month, Chopitea filed a complaint before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, in which she alleged that IPI discriminated against her.

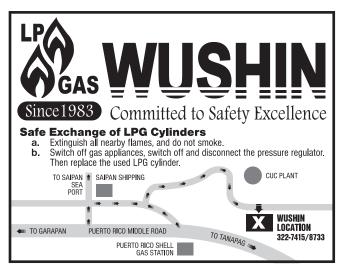
She alleged that Leong and others perpetrated a campaign of retaliation against her.

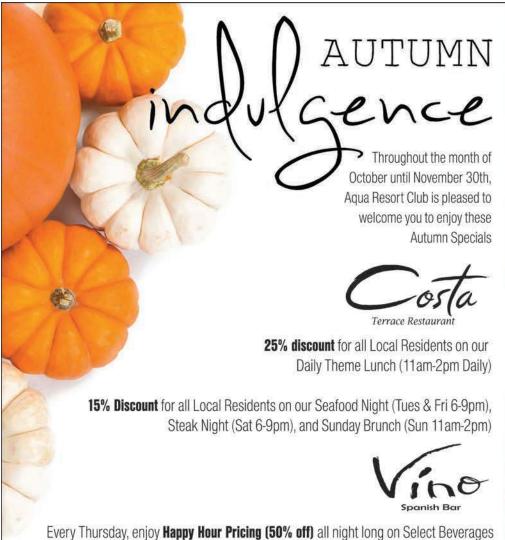
Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from IPI as of press time.





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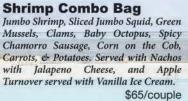




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### In Pacific, rising tensions evoke troubling nuclear legacy

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—As a young boy growing up on Bikini Atoll, Alson Kelen spent idyllic days playing on the beach and fishing.

His grandfather built canoes and his father tended the land. With fewer than 150 people on the remote Pacific island it was a close community, he says, with few signs of the former U.S. nuclear testing program other than the concrete bunkers he was told to avoid and the sunken ships in the lagoon.

But in 1978, when Kelen was 10, officials evacuated everybody. It turned out they'd been premature in declaring the Marshall Islands atoll safe again for humans. Radiation levels were still dangerously high.

More than 70 years after the first tests, the atoll remains contaminated today. It's part of a troubling nuclear legacy that continues to affect islands and people across the Pacific long after the U.S., Britain and France stopped their testing programs there.

As nuclear tensions rise in the Asia-Pacific region, Kelen and others are reflecting on that legacy anew.

North Korea has discussed testing a hydrogen bomb in



In this July 25, 1946 file photo, a huge mushroom cloud rises above Bikini atoll in the Marshall Islands following an atomic test blast, part of the U.S. military's "Operation Crossroads."

the Pacific after earlier firing a missile over Japan and threatening Guam. U.S. President Donald Trump has threatened to "totally destroy North Korea" if provoked and called leader Kim Jong Un "Rocket Man." The dictator has responded by calling Trump a "mentally deranged U.S. dotard."

Kelen says that if the threats do escalate to a nuclear test or even an attack, "it would be a huge, huge disaster."

The 49-year-old says he has no idea if his exposure to radiation during the four years he lived on Bikini as a boy has affected his health. He says scientists used to test him and his family regularly, but stopped within a couple of years of them leaving the atoll.

Scientists have calculated that about 1.6 percent of all cancers developed by Marshallese people exposed to radiation can be attributed to the nuclear tests. For some islanders who were close to the blasts, the rate rises to 55 percent.

The nuclear tests exacted an cated from Bikini for the good enormous social toll on Bikini residents and their children. who are now scattered across the Marshall Islands and beyond and have been left without a homeland. Kelen says they've lost the ancestral land that's central to their identity.

"Ninety percent of Bikinians have never seen Bikini. It's a legend; it's a fairy tale," he said. "They know more about Hawaii and the U.S. mainland than Bikini."

The U.S. government first asked Bikini residents to leave temporarily in 1946. It then conducted a series of tests over a dozen years, including detonating a massive hydrogen bomb hundreds of times more powerful than the nuclear bombs the U.S. dropped on Japan during World War II.

The inhabitants moved to other islands that proved inhospitable. Kelen's family eventually ended up in Majuro, the capital. He says his parents always planned to return to Bikini but got to spend just four years there before being told to leave again. Kelen's father died two years ago and his mother, now 93, is too old to travel.

"They told us we were relo-

missing. Earlier that same day,

of mankind, to bring peace to the world. But I think nuclear is the same as climate change," Kelen said. "It benefits the big countries and ruins the small countries."

Bikini residents have received some compensation from the United States. But many people, including Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine, say it's not enough.

Heine said in a speech this year that the removal of the Bikini residents produced "inconsolable grief, terror and righteous anger" that hadn't diminished in the seven decades since, and had been exacerbated by the U.S. being dishonest about the extent of the radiation and its effects.

Five thousand kilometers (3,000 miles) away in Tahiti, French Polynesia, Roland Oldham is also grappling with nuclear testing's legacy.

He is president of Moruroa e tatou, an organization that represents victims of French tests at Moruroa and Fangataufa atolls. The nuclear tests lasted 30 years, ending in 1996, the year the United Nations adopted the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Studies have shown that people in the region during the tests had an increased risk of developing thyroid cancer. But information on radiation exposure remains classified, making it hard to estimate the risks.

### UNITED

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Airlines plans to reduce flights from Guam to other Japanese cities such as Fukuoka, Osaka, Nagoya and Sendai. However, no specific dates were cited.

United Airlines' flights from Palau to Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia will end on Jan. 7, 2018, but direct flights from Guam to Yap and from Guam to Palau will remain unchanged.

According to a United Airlines employee who declined to be named, the suspension and reduction of flights is part of United's corporate strategy.

"Not only Japan and Palau are affected. Due to aircraft realignment, other flights like our Los Angeles to Honolulu flights will reduce one flight and Narita to Incheon flights were cancelled effective October."

The cancellation of the Narita-Incheon flights was earlier mentioned in a letter dated April 4, 2017, from United senior vice president of flight operations Howard Attarian to pilots.

Attarian wrote that United will end service in its Narita-Incheon route, flown by Guam-based airplanes and crews, later in 2017.

Kirby's email did not contain the reason for United Airlines' pullout and reduction of flights in Japan. Delta Air earlier stated that their pullout of the Guam-Narita flights was due to the weak demand that is not enough to sustain the route.

The United employee said the bad press United experienced a few months ago that went through public scrutiny with a physician being dragged out of the plane had no negative effect in terms of revenue for United.

"We are told that we are undergoing aircraft realignment as we are retiring all 747s this year and replacing them with 777ERS. The latter are smaller than the 747s and it doesn't have an upper deck but it's more fuel-efficient. This is not a surprise because all carriers are doing aircraft realignment," the United employee said.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain more comments from Scott Kirby about the status of the Guam-Saipan flights, but have not received a response as of press time.

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and Friday, sources said.

The sources refused to elaborate on the cellphone as investigation is ongoing.

Saipan Tribune spotted DPS detectives scouring the jungle and shoreline of Laulau Beach on Friday afternoon. Some detectives were on utility vehicles during the search.

Lt. Jeffrey Olopai, chief of the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau, said yesterday that detectives did not conduct

a search last weekend, but continued their investigation.

Olopai said the search on Thursday in As Teo, Kagman, San Vicente, and Laulau Beach areas were done from 8am until 4:30pm. On Friday, search began at 8:30am and ended at 4:30pm.

Detectives set up a command post at the Laulau Beach last Friday.

Olopai said a total of 15 DPS detectives and Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services-Search and Rescue Unit were involved in the search.

Because of the large areas covered by the search, they asked DFEMS to help out, Olopai said.

He said civilian volunteers who want to help in the search should call DPS at 664-9001 to receive instructions. Olopai said that, although

they were searching Laulau Beach, they covered only the jungle and shoreline areas as there was no indication for them to go in the water.

Police received a complaint on Tuesday at 11:36am that the 49-year-old Saleh, an assistant public defender, was

Tuesday, Saleh apparently could not sleep and went for a walk at 1:30am. Since then, text messages to the lawyer went unanswered. He has not returned home and has not reported for work at the Office of the Public Defender.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments though email last week from assistant public defender Shoshanah Epstein but she has yet to reply.

Saleh and Epstein came together to Saipan from New Mexico last May to work at the OPD.

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Tang and Torres, however, disclosed that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has an outstanding balance of \$89,044 from fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and is making monthly installment payments as of Sept. 25, 2017.

At a recent status conference in Betty Johnson's class action, the two informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that the government and other autonomous agencies are current in their payment obligation to the Settlement Fund.

The judicial building loan matured in 2015.

In her report in federal court, Tang said the government, with the help of the NMI Judiciary, has applied for a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan for \$12 million to pay off the judicial building loan and to expand the building in Susupe and other facilities.

The USDA loan application is being reviewed by the Guam and Hawaii USDA offices.

The loan was reportedly set to be forwarded to the USDA headquarters in Washington, D.C. last Oct. 1, 2017, for final review.

The low-interest loan will pay off the judiciary building loan, which is in arrears and is owed by the CNMI government to the NMI Settlement Fund.

Additional proceeds from the loan will be used for the construction, renovation, and repair of court facilities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The USDA judiciary loan has been approved by the Commonwealth Development Authority and that the Senate unanimously passed a House's measure for the loan.

In August 2016, the Senate passed House Bill 19-126 that allows the CNMI government to enter a loan agreement with USDA in the amount not to exceed \$15 million.

Of the \$12-million loan, \$4.8 million goes to the Settlement Fund as lump sum payment for the judicial building loan.

The remaining amount will go into construction and renovation of judicial facilities in the CNMI, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Public Defender's Office.

For Saipan, the plan is to build an additional building with a budget cost of \$1.7 mil-

lion on 9.000 square feet at the Judicial Complex for expansion of offices-Drug Court and the Family Court.

The loan has a low interest rate of 2.75 percent. Payment for the loan will be coming from the fines and fees collected by the Judiciary.

For Tinian, the courtroom will be expanded, while for the Rota courthouse, its airconditioner will be replaced.

The CNMI government was allowed to secure a loan from the NMI Retirement Fund through a Judicial Building Financing Act of 1994 in order to build the Judicial Complex in Susupe. Construction began in 1995 and was completed in May 1998. The sources of repayment of the loan came from revenues generated by the Judiciary.

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was released after the Las Vegas court quashed the warrant missioners last Thursday when money was wired from Hong Kong to Las Vegas to pay out his debt.

Torres said it is a civil matter and not a criminal case.

The lawyer said he has no information as to how Xu was arrested.

A document obtained by Saipan Tribune indicated that a Las Vegas judge issued a bail of \$7,354,225 against Xu for non-sufficient funds/checks.

The Clark County District Attorney Bad Check Unit is handling the case.

The Torres law firm requested the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety comto place Xu on house arrest pending the final decision of the Clark County District Attorney's Office regarding possible extradition.

Xu apparently has several medical conditions that require special care and close monitoring by proper caretakers.

A Best Sunshine agent has agreed to pay all fees associated with Xu's house arrest.

As of press time, Saipan Tribune was still trying to get comments from Holley. (Ferdie de la Torre)



2017 FORD F150 retail price \$34,995.00 less 20% downpayment. Financing at 5.4% APR for 72 monthly payments of \$456.09 or \$210.50 per paycheck based on 26 pay periods per year. Total deferred payment \$32,838.48.
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### CNMI govt to avail of CUC's pre-pay program

By REA CARRERA

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The CNMI government will be availing of the Web-Based Electric Prepay Program that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. launched last Thursday, as a means of eliminating outstanding balances and to stay current with government accounts.

CUC's pre-pay program allows a customer, through a special meter, to go online and buy or pay for energy before they use it.

Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, who graced the launch

of the pre-pay program, said: "It's going to be a great way to work on efficiency throughout the government in the usage of power, living within their budgets, and just being more responsible managers as far as operations of their government offices."

The pre-pay program is currently available to residential and government customers, but not commercial.

"We are very excited about the opportunity. It will reduce receivables," said Larson.

She believes that getting the government into the pre-pay

TO AGRIPINA I. GIODA AND MICHAEL J. GIODA:

You are in default in your Grant conversion Agreement dated January 14, 2011, secured by a Real Estate Mortgage of July 13, 2005, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot no. 011 G 264, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 750 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 93-4414, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Date and amount of Grant conversion Agreement and Mortgage:
Grant conversion Agreement dated January 14, 2011;
Mortgage dated July 13, 2005; \$42,324.19

(c)	Amount due for principal:	\$42,324.19
(d)	Amount due for interest:	-0-
(e)	Daily accruing interest:	-0-
(f)	Late charges	-0-

If the principal, interest, and late charges \$42,324.19, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of \$500.00, are not paid within (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicates above.

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ Attorney at Law program will eliminate billing disputes between the government and CUC.

Right now, according to Larson, there is a \$3-million dispute between CUC and the government and both parties have been working on this by going through each and every account of the government and reconciling them.

"We've been working closely with CUC to resolve a lot of the outstanding bills. The overall goal is to reach a point where we are current in our balances. We have accounts with CUC that are in dispute. So what we are doing is we are going one by one through the disputed accounts. As we clear, we make payments. When they clear, that gets taken off our record," she said.

"We have resolved a lot of the outstanding balance that we've had over the years and now it's just a matter of going one by one. We support this and look forward to expanding this and eventually getting everyone...stay current," Larson added.

According to CUC executive director Gary Camacho, over 400 special meters have been installed in government accounts.

"Over the course of October, we will be testing some of these accounts to make sure it's on an effective and efficient implementation. We plan to get all the government accounts on board by beginning of November," he said.

Larson said they are going to use the month of October to test the pre-pay system.

"In November, we hope to have as many agencies come online as possible and just go full force. It's really all about accountancy and efficiency. The usage of the power is in the hands of each of the agencies so that they will be able to monitor their power usage. They will be able to budget and live within their budget," she said

"We've always had issues where it's difficult to predict the utilities budget for the government, but with the pre-pay program, we are able to live within a budget and be better stewards of money entrusted to us," she said.



#### SUPPORTING THE PERFORMING ARTS

Rep. Donald Barcinas, center, contributes \$5,000 to support Mount Carmel School's performing arts program, including the school's relaunched school band. Student Council president Erika Mendiola, left, and school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, right, were on hand to receive the generous contribution.

### Torres invites public to Indigenous Cultural Expo

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Indigenous Affairs Office and the Carolinian Affairs Office, invites the entire community to the Indigenous Cultural Expo today, Oct. 9, 2017, from 9am to 3pm at the Guma Sakman at the Civic Center in the old 4-H Club building in Susupe.

In celebration of Commonwealth Cultural Day, the Indigenous Cultural Expo will feature cultural demonstrations and entertainment.

"There are three areas of demonstrations and tasting: coconut use, fishing, and farming. With the coconut, the demonstrators will demonstrate the use of coconut in

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, oopy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is <u>not</u> necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint

Dated September 14, 2017 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

various cooking techniques and weaving. With fishing, they will demonstrate net throwing, hook tying, names of fish, types of fishing lines, fish preparation and spear fishing. With farming, they will demonstrate food preparation and planting to include local medicinal plants and its usage. All areas of demonstration will provide food tasting," said Indigenous Affairs resident executive Roman M. Tudela Jr.

"This event showcases our traditional cultural practices and will be a great opportunity for the entire community, especially our indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians, to

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TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 520274 Tinian MP 96952 as soon as practical after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filling.

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Dated this 8th day of September, 2017.

/s/ Clerk of Court

learn and share from one another. We encourage everyone to bring their families to enjoy the holiday by stopping by the expo," executive assistant for Carolinian Affairs John Henry I. Tagabuel said.

"There's no better thing to do on Commonwealth Cultural Day than to spend it with the family and immerse yourself in what keeps us grounded, and that is our culture. I encourage everyone to take time during the holiday to stop by and enjoy the demonstrations given by our cultural preservation leaders," Torres said.

The Indigenous Cultural Expo is supported by the Women's Affairs Office, the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Public School System, the CNMI Women's Association, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, and Imperial Pacific International Inc. CSR. (PR)

# Defendant in CW-1 scam admits lying to federal agent

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

Zeaur Rahman Dalu completed Friday his testimony against five co-defendants about his participation in a fake jobs scheme that victimized Bangladeshi workers with false representations.

After Dalu's testimony, the U.S. government called Abu Bakkar Beg to the witness stand. Beg, 25, the third alleged victim in the case, will continue his testimony when the trial resumes in federal court tomorrow, Tuesday, at 8am.

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington Senior U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour is presiding over the trial of TBK Auto Cares owner David Trung Quoc Phan; Phan's fiancée, Analyn Nunez; Muksedur Rahman; Rahman's wife, Shahinur Akter; and Rahman's brother, Md. Rafiqul Islam.

Dalu, who has already pleaded guilty, agreed to testify against his co-defendants as part of a plea deal.

Speaking through an interpreter Friday, Dalu admitted lying to Homeland Security

Investigations special agent Michael Lansangan, telling Lansangan in an interview that he was not part of the recruitment. He said he lied to Lansangan.

Dalu admitted that he and his mother, Jamela Khatun, were part of the recruitment of Md. Tazizul Islam and Rafiqul Islam, and that he received payments from the two and that a portion of the money went to Rahman's sister. Dalu said no payment came directly to him because it was his mother who got the money and Rahman's sister. Dalu said his mother did not give back the money.

"I'm not claiming I'm innocent. I have some mistakes. I introduced them to Rahman. That's my mistake," said Dalu, through an interpreter.

He said Rahman has been on Saipan for 15 to 20 years already.

In the plea agreement, Dalu admitted that while in Bangladesh prior to October 2015, he participated in the scheme in which Rafiqul Islam had been quoted a price of 1,800,000 in Bangladesh *takas* to obtain a work permit and visa in the CNMI.

### CNMI delegation represents culture in San Diego



The Saipan delegation at the 23rd Annual Pacific Islands Festival in San Diego, California.

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly\_bautista@saipantribune.com

For the first time, Saipan

delegates participated in one of the biggest Pacific Island-themed festivals in San Diego, California to showcase the indigenous culture of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Seven delegates from the CNMI took part in the 23rd

Annual Pacific Islands Festival in San Diego from Sept. 23 to Sept. 24.

They were chosen by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture to share the Northern Mariana Islands culture with visitors at the

It was the first time for the CNMI to be asked to join the festival, according to CCAC executive director and lead delegate Parker Yobei. He hopes for the group to be invited again in the following years.

Gloriana Teuira, Roman Tudela, J.J. Concepcion, John Castro, James Selepeo, and Margaret Muna accompanied Yobei on the trip to the Pacific Islands Festival.

Tudela said he and his fellow delegates were requested to kick off the festival with a song number, making his ex-

perience truly memorable.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

According to Yobei, the Northern Marianas tent was a huge hit for the visitors. Both Yobei and Tudela believe that the Commonwealth booth truly stood out due to their live demonstrations.

According to Tudela, the CNMI booth was the only one at the festival that had a live demonstration. They did

this by showing visitors how to make mwars. Other tents showcased traditional ornaments and crafts.

Teuira was the demonstrator for the *mwar* making. The challenge they faced in San Diego was the lack of the traditional flowers and leaves that are found in the CNMI. As a result, the *mwars* were not made with authentic materials, but traditional craftsmanship made up for it.

In the two days their booth was open to the public, Tudela said that many came to witness the demonstrations and even returned with the hopes of perfecting their *mwar*-making skills.

Tudela said that he is happy the Commonwealth was able to showcase some of their traditional crafts and talents because many of those who attended the Pacific Islands Festival were from the CNMI. The presence of the Commonwealth ensured that those Northern Marianas islanders do not lose touch of where they came from, even if it is only once a year.

The delegates were also able to share some brochures donated by the Marianas Visitors Authority, along with pins and T-shirts that represent the islands.

### First cultural expo set today

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

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In celebration of Commonwealth Cultural Day, the Indigenous Affairs Office, together with the Carolinian Affairs Office, will host today the first cultural expo, dubbed Indigenous Cultural Expo, at the Susupe Civic Center by the Guma Sakman (the former 4H building).

Roman Tudela, executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office, said the cultural expo, to be hosted in the spirit of saving the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian cultures, is a means of reviving what has been lost.

The expo will showcase a variety of demonstration but will focus on the cultural "tree of life," which is the coconut tree.

According to Tudela, there are many uses of the coconut tree. The tree is medicinal and it was once used as a source of clothing for the ancient Chamorro. It can also be eaten raw or cooked and it can produce oil and has many other uses.

There will be different demonstrators for each use of the coconut tree, from its leaves to its fruits, Tudela said.

Demonstrators will showcase how to properly husk a coconut and how to properly

A special demonstrator will also showcase clothing made out of coconut.

The 500 Sails organization, which is trying to revive the sailing culture in the Marianas, will have a demonstration on the organization's vision and programs. The group will also have Neni, one of the organization's first canoes, out and will be offering navigation demonstrations and free rides.

Aside from cultural crafts, there will also be vendors that will be selling cultural Chamorro and Carolinian dishes for the community to purchase

The expo will be from 9am to 3pm and the entire community is invited to take part in the festivities.



Have a wonderful birthday to our dear Rafiqul Hassan! We wish you all the happiness in life. Keep being healthy and may you have more birthdays to come. Greetings come from the staff and management of World Tour & Travel. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Belated happy 14th birthday to Zachary Joe Mendiola! No matter how many birthdays come and go, you'll always be my little boy. You may have outgrown our laps but you will never outgrow our hearts. Greetings come from your CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### **CUC closed today**

In observance of Commonwealth Cultural Day, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be closed today, Oct. 9, 2017. (PR)

#### **Survivors, caregivers** support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association support meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, start-

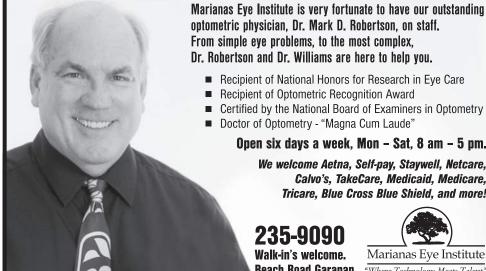
ing at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (PR)

#### **Lions Club to celebrate** 25th anniversary

The Saipan Fil-American Lions Club will be a host a fundraiser called "The Ultimate Drag Queen 2017" on Nov. 4 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort, with VIP tickets

priced at \$25 and general admission at \$10. Proceeds will be used for the club's community projects. Fourteen candidates will be competing. The show will be choreographed and directed by Ernie Molina. For more details and sponsorships, call SFALC president Annamae Adaza at 483-5237, vice president Lourdes Ortiz at 785-2306, VP Leony Mendoza at 287-7563, secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, or Molina at 789-8212. (PR)

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### **IN MARIANAS FAMILIARIZATION TOURS**

### Rota Coconut Festival and more...



Taiwan media and travel agent reps visit Managaha on Sept.14, 2017, as part of a multi-island familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Taiwanese and Russian media recently got a taste of the multiple islands of the Marianas on a familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and highlighted by the Rota Coconut Festival.

Participants from Taiwan represented media and key travel agents, including Phoenix Tours, PIC Taiwan, JH Tours, Dynamic Air, Jin Air, and ROAM magazine.

Five Russian magazines also attended: Aeroflot, the inflight magazine of the nation's No. 1 air carrier by the same name; Ural Airlines' magazine and JetSet, an inflight magazine for the business class of Ural Airlines; VIM magazine of VIM Airlines; S7 magazine of S7 Airlines; and Uvutnoe Nebo, the UTair Aviation official inflight magazine.

The group members were surprised to discover the many uses of the coconut tree during the Rota Coconut Festival, where they also witnessed a coconut husking competition, coconut grinding competition, "ayuyu" (coconut crab) race, a fashion show, a night market, and more. The group also visited Swimming Hole, As Matmos Cliff, As Nieves Latte Stone Quarry, Teteto Beach, a historic Japanese-era sugar cane factory, Japanese cannon, and Songsong Village Lookout.

"This is an island that contains many surprises. There are so many natural features," said PIC Taiwan general manager Alex Lei of Rota. "It



Taiwan media and travel agent reps take a UTV tour with Let's Go! Tour to Mt. Tapochao on Sept. 14, 2017, as part of a multi-island familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

would be useful if there were installed signage boards that have more stories, introducing each particular attraction. We could also come up with some evening activities such as an astronomical observalife on Rota."

ing and water activities on Managaha, the members were

tory or Chamorro dance performance. That way visitors can enjoy both day and night

Experiencing the snorkel-



Russian media hike to Forbidden Island on Sept. 14, 2017, as part of a multi-island familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

amazed at the cleanliness and rich sealife underwater.

"Managaha is well-maintained with facilities, sand, and underwater scenery. It is the perfect place for family visitors for a fun day out," said Terry Chang, Phoenix Tours vice president.

A one-hour UTV drive to Mt. Tapochoa took the group on bumpy mountain roads under the watchful eye of a tour leader.

'This is the most unforgettable moment in my life," said Cheers Tang, JH Tours sales manager. "The ride was worthwhile to get dirty. It is definitely a must-try activity ion Saipan"

Parrot fish eskabeche, chicken kelaguen, beef short ribs, and other local delicacies were sampled at Boka Boka restaurant. More food adventures were had at the Garapan Street Market, including apigigi, local barbecue choices, and soursop juice.



Taiwan media and travel agent reps sample local delicacies at the Rota Coconut Festival on Sept. 16, 2017, as part of a multi-island familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The group also visited the Imperial Pacific Resort and praised the interior design and the high-end service at the newly opened casino.

Virtual reality and 360-degree photos of attractions valued at \$15,000 were taken and will be made available to the MVA for further marketing.

The Taiwan group lodged at Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Rota Resort & Country Club, and Kensington Hotel Saipan. The Russian group lodged at Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Rota Resort & Country Club, and Kensington Hotel Saipan. (MVA)



island familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

### Torres signs four Senate bills into law

On Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law:

■ Senate Bill 20-02, SD3, HD1, which establishes the Commonwealth Office of Planning and Development under the Office of the Governor. Authored by Senate President Arnold I. Palacios, this bill becomes Public Law 20-20.

■ Senate Bill 20-45, HD2, which provides a limited exemption to register a righthand drive vehicle after it is converted to left-hand drive and passes safety inspection. Authored by Sen. Justo S. Quitugua, this bill becomes Public Law 20-21.

■ Senate Bill 20-41, SD1, which establishes the Uniform

Interstate Family Support Act, replaces the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of 1968, and brings the CNMI into compliance with federal child support requirements and assists the CNMI better serve children and families in establishing and enforcing child support when one parent resides outside the CNMI. Offered by Senate President Arnold I. Palacios, this bill becomes Public Law 20-22.

■ Senate Bill 20-03, SS1, HD1, which limits the public high school student representative to the CNMI Board of Education to a one-year, rotational appointment by public high school. Authored by Sen. Justo S. Quitugua, this bill becomes Public Law 20-23. (PR)



Russian media experience a sunset dinner cruise on Sept. 15, 2017, as part of a multi-island familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

### Moline man captured on Saipan on criminal sex assault charges

MOLINE, Ill. (KWQC)— The Moline Police Department announced Sean McDonnell has been found on Saipan.

Saipan is in the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific. It's a commonwealth of the United States and that is where U.S. Marshals captured McDonnell.

Moline Police originally said McDonnell was a missing man on Sept. 18. At that time, police said they were worried about McDonnell's mental state and said he disappeared under suspicious circumstances.

Now, police say he is in custody for four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child in Rock Island County as well as one count of criminal sexual assault.

McDonnell is awaiting extradition proceedings from Saipan.

### Scheduled water outages on Wednesday

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, from 8am to 5pm in the Chalan Piao, San Antonio, and Chalan Kanoa areas. A Commonwealth Utilities Corp. contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., will repair a leak on an 18-inch transmission line. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon after.

Repairs will be located in the corner of Guangdong Hardware in As Lito.

Due to the closure of the southbound lane and for the

safety of men and women working at the site, motorists are advised to proceed with caution and take alternative routes when traveling by the area.

That same day, there will be a scheduled water service interruption from 8am to 5pm in the Puerto Rico, Sadog Tasi, Lower Base, Lower Navy Hill, and Garapan areas. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon after.

The purpose of the interruption is to allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to abandon a 2-inch waterline on Isa Drive, Sadog Tasi and transfer customers onto the 12-inch water main to provide a more effective and efficient operation. This project is part of an ongoing Cross Island Road Phase 3 project on Capital Hill.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor CUC's Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). (PR)

### DOI grants now available to territories

It is now open season for U.S. territories to submit applications for technical assistance program funding and maintenance assistance program funding for fiscal year 2018, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior on Thursday.

These grants are available to the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and the freely associated states of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau.

"While we are operating under a continuing resolution

until Dec. 8, for fiscal year 2018, this advance notice gives each jurisdiction time to consider their most important needs and priorities this year," said Doug Domenech, assistant secretary for Insular Areas. "We will be especially eager to work with the U.S. Virgin Islands as they begin contemplating their rebuilding needs following the hurricanes."

Instructions to apply are available on the Office of Insular Affairs website. Applications are submitted through grants.gov.

TAP provides grant funding for short-term projects

intended to meet immediate needs that can foster development in: accountability, financial management, economic development, education, energy, management control initiatives, disaster assistance, natural and cultural resources, capacity building, public safety/emergencies, health initiatives, and invasive species management.

MAP provides grant funding to support, develop, improve and, as much as possible, institutionalize infrastructure maintenance practices in the seven insular areas. (PR)



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-001

### FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 & 2018

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 & 2018. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- OMB Circular A-133
- Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
- Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)

The date of contract award will be no later than November 17, 2017. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2018 (FY17) & 2019 (FY18). Auditors are responsible to review all the 2017 & 2018 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-001, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2017 & 2018" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO Executive Director MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. Purchasing Administrator



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-028

#### TANK 104 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL POWER PLANT 1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and Disposal of Tank 104 at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan.

The project consists, of the Cutting for Disposal and Removal of Tank 104 (now empty and cleaned) together with off-site disposal of all tank materials, including its steel floor.

 $CUC\ requires\ the\ Project\ to\ be\ completed\ in\ \underline{\textbf{90\ calendar\ days}}\ from\ date\ of\ award\ of\ contract.$ 

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on October 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-028 Removal and Disposal of Tank 104, Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond <u>executed</u> by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 16, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Max Simian, CUC Technical Manager for Oil – via email max.simian@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government.

GARY CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-002

#### KAGMAN WATERLINE & BOOSTER STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

General Description: This work consists of replacing the existing Kumoi booster station and relocating it to the Chacha and Kagman Road intersection. It also includes the rehabilitation of an existing deep well, the installation of a new 6" PVC distribution, and the installation of a new 8" PVC transmission waterline along Kagman Road. It will also involve the reconnection of existing customers onto new or existing distribution lines within the project area.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in <u>300 calendar days</u> from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on <u>October 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u> at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both the Pre-Bid Conference and the Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-002, Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 26, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CHC Programment Penaleting.

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CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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### **EDITORIAL**

# 'Can't do nothing' attitude toward gun violence must change

that's little solace to the loved ones of the nearly 60 men and women massacred in Las Vegas. Or to the more than 500 concertgoers injured in the Sunday night attack.

Nor are downward-trending crime stats any comfort to the Americans grieving 23 other fatal shooting tragedies that occurred—with far less attention—across the nation the same day.

Even if you are lucky enough to have never lost a family member or friend to a gunshot, are you satisfied with the U.S. homicide rate, which far and away surpasses that of other developed nations?

Of course you're not. So let's get to work on laws that would further diminish gun violence.

While mass shootings account for only a tiny fraction of the killing, the frequency of these large-scale homicides is increasing. With each one comes the opportunity—too often without results—to try to change the country's "can't do nothing" attitude toward gun safety.

One brave soul taking up the challenge is Caleb Keeter, lead guitarist for the Josh Abbott Band, which played the Vegas country music festival just hours before a gunman turned the venue into a death box.

Keeter posted Monday: "We need gun control RIGHT. NOW. My biggest regret is that I stubbornly didn't realize it until my brothers on the road and myself were threatened by it."

It's no small thing for someone with Keeter's conservative bona fides to switch sides, and we hope his words give others permission to pry open their own can of beliefs and take another look.

Already, large majorities of Americans support universal background checks, permit requirements for gun ownership and bans on the most dangerous kinds of weapons and ammunition

Those are good starting points for action. As we've written before, while it's important that reforms respect Second Amendment rights, it's just as critical that Washington stop hiding behind an absolutism that has long paralyzed any progress.

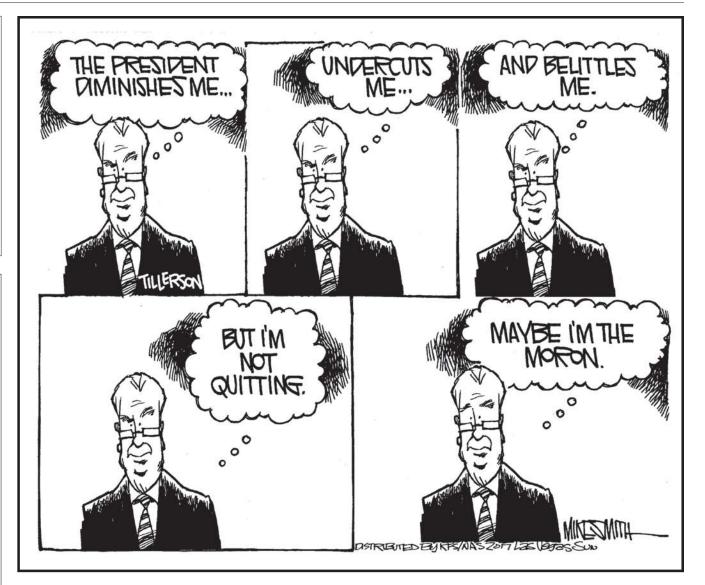
The response to proposed change is predictable: "Name one law that you can put in place that would have stopped the Vegas killer." If only it were that easy. We acknowledge that change will involve inevitable fumbling and adjusting, experimentation and compromise.

But in answer to the hackneyed "when someone has the will, there's a way"—that's the cowardly way out. We can greatly affect the ways that bad guys exercise their wills.

For example, fighting for laws that require longer waiting periods and closer scrutiny of gun buyers' backgrounds can ferret out mental health problems so often linked to suicides and homicides.

Re-examining the laws regulating military-style weapons can dent the kind of arsenal that the 64-year-old Ve-

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### Trump undercuts Tillerson with every tweet

ast weekend, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was hard at work in Beijing, trying to persuade China's leaders to tighten economic sanctions on North Korea. The United States wants a peaceful solution, he told them, and sanctions could force Kim Jong Un to negotiate.

"We're not going to accept a nuclear-armed North Korea," Tillerson told reporters after his meetings. But, he said, "it's going to be an incremental process to get there. ... You'd be foolish to think you're going to sit down and say, 'OK, done, nuclear weapons are gone.' This is going to be a process of engagement."

He added, "The most immediate action that we need is to calm things down. They're a little overheated right now."

Meanwhile, in the United States, President Trump erupted.

"I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man," the president tweeted. "Save your energy Rex, we'll do what has to be done!"

In case those two tweets weren't enough to convey the nuances of nuclear diplomacy, Trump added a third. "Being nice to Rocket Man hasn't worked in 25 years, why would it work now? Clinton failed, Bush failed, and Obama failed. I won't fail."

It's tempting to focus here on the astonishing humiliation of Tillerson. Presidents have overruled secretaries of State before, but normally they do it in private, without publicly undercutting their diplomat in chief.

And this wasn't the first time. After Tillerson spent a week in the Middle East trying to negotiate a truce between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, Trump also disavowed his effort with a tweet. The two have disagreed openly about Russia, Iran and the Paris climate agreement—not exactly trivial issues.

Why does Tillerson stay? He won't explain, though on Wednesday he shot down news reports saying he's considered resigning. If his goal is to turn himself into a human guardrail to stop Trump from driving foreign policy off a cliff, he deserves our thanks.

But it's unclear that he can succeed. The downside of Trump's choleric diplomacy extends far beyond Tillerson's wounded dignity; his tweets interfered with a diplomatic effort that had actually been working.

In recent weeks, China has voted at the United Nations in favor of tougher sanctions on Pyongyang and announced that it is ordering North Korean businesses out of the country. It's also cutting off loans to Chinese firms that do business in North Korea.

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China's collaboration comes at a price, however. Its president, Xi Jinping, wants assurances that the United States is aiming for negotiations, not a military crisis that would create chaos on his border.

On the eve of Tillerson's visit, China's Foreign Ministry said it wanted both the United States and North Korea to show "sincerity" in the pursuit of a diplomatic solution. That's what Tillerson was trying to do when he apparently angered the president.

But if Trump's tweets are to be taken seriously, he doesn't think negotiations are worthwhile at all. He dismissed diplomacy as "being nice," and said it had never worked.

The president appears to believe the alternatives are already down to two: Either "Little Rocket Man" capitulates in the face of threats, or we go to war.

His ultimate goal is to force Kim Jong Un to capitulate. But his escalating threats may have made an unintended clash more likely.

"If (the North Koreans) think he's serious, that we might actually attack them first, then you have the risk of an accidental conflict," warned R. Nicholas Burns, a former undersecretary of State.

It's possible to theorize, as Trump defenders have, that this is all a sophisticated "good cop, bad cop" routine. For that technique to work, however, the suspect needs to believe the good cop's promises of lenient treatment; that's why suspects confess to the good cop. In this scenario, the bad cop is telling his adversary that the good cop can't deliver.

Ultimately, what happens in North Korea depends on China. Will Beijing continue to pile on sanctions, or throw in the towel? Xi wants stability, not crisis. The more Trump escalates, the less helpful China is likely to be.

Trump is scheduled to visit China next month, presumably with Tillerson in tow. Let's hope the president leaves his Twitter engine at home—and lets his top diplomat do the talking.

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### Don't pray for Vegas. That's not how we do things

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was one of the first to arrive at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on Sunday because I was there to review the concert for the Las Vegas Weekly. I passed through the metal detector without thinking about it. But security would not protect against a threat that never entered the concert grounds. Everybody was all smiles. This was a happy, chill day. Fortunately for me, I left before sundown.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, I've understood that some catastrophe might eventually befall my city. After the shooting at the Bataclan concert hall in Paris in 2015, I pictured being trapped in one of my favorite casinos, unable to escape.

But I also told myself it couldn't happen here. I fostered an idea, a fantasy, that terrorists may hint at attacking Vegas, but they'd never actually follow through, because even fundamentalists secretly love Sin City and don't want to ruin it. Silly, I know.

Vegas is the Wild West. Nevada's the only state where prostitution is legal, a place where gambling isn't a secret but a recognized and celebrated part of the mainstream culture. For many,

owning guns is part of that culture, too. Firearms are all tied up, somehow, with freedom. Now we're going to have to think about which freedoms matter to us the most.

The freedom to live? The freedom of movement? The freedom to travel around the state and country (and check into hotels) without being scanned, searched and prodded? Or the freedom to amass arsenals of war? It's our choice. Which ones are sacred to us as a state, and as a country? This is a question of identity. Right now, it's clear who we are. Right now, we are willing to give up everything in exchange for unlimited gun access. Is that who we want to be?

My heart breaks for all who were touched by this tragedy. The victims first, but also the woman in St. George, Utah, who woke up Monday morning to discover that her husband sold a shotgun to that lunatic, Stephen Paddock. My heart breaks for the gun sellers, too. At some level they must know that they're part of the problem. They are also just one link in a supply chain that starts in a metal mine and ends with the undertaker.

The St. George gun seller, Chris Michel of Dixie GunWorx,

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told the local news that there were no warning signs. That Paddock was just an "average, everyday Joe Blow" no different from any of his other customers. But what if the desire to own a bunch of military-grade weaponry is in and of itself a warning sign?

Guns play into Vegas fantasies. In Vegas, you can pay good money to shoot fake zombies with a machine gun.

But this was not a Vegas crime. Paddock was not one of us, and from what we know so far he wasn't even out to punish us for the crime of living in a city of excess. He wasn't a religious nut who thought God wanted him to teach us a lesson.

We were singled out. But we're just one of many. The shooting could have happened anywhere. Next time, it will happen

If the crime wasn't "Vegas," then the recovery and response have been. We're a family town with about a quarter of us working in the hospitality industry. Blood donors have overwhelmed the blood banks. My friends in the culinary industry have opened their kitchens and coordinated truly heroic operations for cooking and delivering food. We're the helpers, and all the victims are our guests. We wish they didn't have to take their pain home.

I've heard from friends elsewhere that they'd like to "do something" for Las Vegas.

Here's one idea: In addition to donating money, you can put to rest the "good guy with a gun" narrative. This festival was full of good guys with guns; one of the concessions sold concealed-weapon purses made out of leather. But the good guys couldn't take out the bad guy spraying bullets from a hotel window 32 flights up.

Here's another: You can come to Vegas.

But whatever you do, please don't pray for Vegas. We're proud of the Sin City label and would rather you saved your breath for calls to your representatives. God hasn't seen fit to give us sensible gun regulations, but your representatives can.

### US military in a death spiral

he more Americans hear about growing security threats worldwide, the more grateful they must feel to have a world-class military. But few know the disturbing truth: Our military, quite frankly, is in a death spiral.

It's too small for its workload, underfunded to repair and replace equipment that is rapidly wearing out, and ill-served by obsolescent infrastructure at its ports, bases, and airfields. And it's increasingly unprepared for the rigors of a major conventional conflict, the likes of which have cropped up every 20 years or so with alarming regularity since the Civil War.

Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, until recently the vice chief of staff of the Army, testified that only "one-third of our BCTs (brigade combat teams), one-fourth of our combat aviation brigades, and half of our division headquarters" are considered ready. Of the Army's 31 BCTs, only three are available to immediately deploy

The pace of decline has been precipitous. As recently as 2012,

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gas killer stockpiled. In his hotel sniper's perch were at least 23 weapons, including an AR-15-type rifle with a high-capacity magazine and 12 "bump stocks," a modification that allows a semi-automatic rifle to be fired more rapidly, simulating the effect of an automatic weapon.

To those who say gun reform is a slippery slope, that's only the case if the destination is wrongheaded.

The end point for this debate is not "no guns." But we need to get somewhere other than here.

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there were 45 BCTs, and nearly the entire Army was involved in the rotational base supporting combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The U.S. Air Force is 24 percent short of the fighters it needs and is short 1,000 pilots and more than 3,000 "maintainers" who keep its aircraft running. Only four of its 32 combat-coded squadrons are ready to execute all wartime missions. Prior to 1991, the Air Force purchased more than 500 aircraft a year to replace the aging ones it was purging from its inventory; since then, it has averaged fewer than 100 purchases per year.

The Marine Corps "is insufficiently manned, trained and equipped across the depth of the force to operate in an everevolving operational environment," according to Gen. Glenn Walters, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps. Only 41 percent of the Corps' aviation platforms are considered flyable.

At only 276 combatants, the Navy has two-thirds the ships it did near the end of the Cold War. It now has the smallest battle fleet since before World War I. Of its 18 classes of ships, only seven are currently in production. The recent spate of ship collisions and a grounding imply problems in basic ship-handling skills.

And what of those security threats?

China is now spending more than six times as much on defense as it was in the early 1990s. It's rapidly building a bluewater navy and is fielding a fifth-generation stealth fighter to compete with America's F-22.

Russia continues to occupy Ukraine and actively support separatist rebels carving out territory in the southeast of the country. It has salvaged the tyrannical regime of Bashar Assad in Syria and it actively threatens NATO members in the north of Europe.

North Korea, meanwhile, has become a nuclear power and is close to realizing its goal of possessing missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads to any spot on the planet. Iran is

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East and Africa. Yet, like France and Britain in the 1930s, the United States has

supporting terrorist groups such as Hezbollah. An assortment of

odious terror groups continues to ravage portions of the Middle

neglected to keep its military strong enough to confront regimes threatening the peace and security of the free world. Winston Churchill repeatedly warned his fellow citizens of the dangers of complacency, misguided priorities and weakness of will. He urged them to take timely action when dangers threatened. They didn't listen, and World War II soon followed.

A similar state of affairs afflicts the United States today. Yet Congress consistently prefers to focus almost solely on domestic issues, pushing to increase spending on everything from health care and education to subsidized crop insurance and alternative energy options. But these have increasingly come at the cost of providing for the nation's defense, arguably the pre-eminent responsibility and obligation of the federal government

The United States stands at a crossroads. We can't keep underfunding our defense and expect to be able to maintain our security and economic interests, let alone continue to lead the free world as the pre-eminent global power. Time is running short.

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### The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN





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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

The tropical disturbance near Chuuk is largely sliding too far to the south to have much effect on the Marianas. Therefore the main player in our forecast will continue to be the upper-level low and trough near Pagan. A less active portion of the trough is expected to move over the Marianas on Wednesday, then it could get more active again for the second half of the week. The Canadian model is still the most aggressive with the disturbance near Chuuk, it is taking it up toward the Marianas still. Will have to wait and see on that, but we won't have to wait long. The prediction should materialize on Wednesday, unless it doesn't.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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# Mount Carmel celebrates cultural diversity

Despite fears about rain and a few sprinkles, the sun came out in full force last Friday just in time for Mount Carmel School's annual celebration of Cultural Diversity Day.

MCS students represented over a dozen cultures with a parade, cultural dances, and performances.

The celebration featured the following grade levels showcasing their respective cultural traditions: K4-Philippines, K5-USA, Grade 1-Korea, Grade 2-Japan, Grade 3-Malaysia, Grade 4-CNMI, Grade 5-Marshall Islands, Grade 6-Samoa,

Grade 7-Micronesia, Grade 8-Thailand, Grade 9-Palau, Grade 10-Indonesia, Grade 11-China, and Grade 12-India.

"Between the performances, the food, and all the fun, our students celebrated the cultural diversity that makes our school family truly special," said school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "The [children] were full of energy and their performances were wonderful!"

Deleon Guerrero also recognized the value of the school's diversity. "As one of our longest standing traditions, long before

the CNMI declared its own Cultural Diversity Day, it's heartwarming to see our students, faculty, and staff appreciate our cultural diversity so much. After all, we are a very culturally diverse school, so it's important that we value and validate who we are on a day like this."

Student Council president Erika Mendiola agreed. "This is something that I look forward to every year because everyone gets to celebrate."

"This is a time for us all to respect and celebrate the diversity that makes us who we are," she added.



K4 Mount Carmel School students represent the Philippines. Mcs



Grade 2 Mount Carmel School students represent Japan.





Third-grade Mount Carmel School students represent Malaysia.



Fourth-grade Mount Carmel School students represent the CNMI.

Mount Carmel School Grade 3 students prepare to represent Ma-



Grade 7 Mount Carmel School students represent Micronesia.





Mount Carmel School counselor Tobed Smith, front right, joins freshmen class adviser Criselda Aldan, front left, in leading the



Mount Carmel School senior Darian Salas guides a fourth-grade student in representing the CNMI.



Sixth-grade Mount Carmel School students represent Samoa.



Mount Carmel School seniors gather for a group photo after representing India.

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## **Business**

### Big Tech has big plans to help reconnect Puerto Rico

AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Facebook and Google once aimed to connect the world. Now they would be happy just to reconnect part of it.

In the wake of Hurricane Maria, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg pledged to send a "connectivity team" to help restore communications in ravaged Puerto Rico. Google parent company Alphabet offered to send its Wi-Fi balloons. They were among several tech companies proposing disaster response ideas, most aimed at getting phone and internet service up and running.

Some of these plans, of course, are more aspirational than others.

#### **BATTERY POWER**

Tesla CEO Elon Musk often takes to Twitter to mull over ideas, but on Friday his musings about sending his company's solar-powered batteries to help restore Puerto Rico's power attracted the attention of the island's governor.

"Let's talk," said Gov. Ricardo Rossello in a Friday

Musk agreed. Hours later, he announced he was delaying the unveiling of Tesla's new semi-truck and diverting resources, in part to "increase battery production for Puerto Rico and other affected areas."

The need for help in restoring power and communication after Hurricane Maria is great: The Puerto Rican energy



In this Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 file photo, power lines are down after the impact of Hurricane Maria, which hit the eastern region of the island in Humacao, Puerto Rico.

authority reported Saturday that about 88 percent of the island is still without power. The Federal Communications Commission said Saturday that 82 percent of cell sites remain out in Puerto Rico; 58 percent are out of service in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The FCC's daily status report also shows significant wireline, TV and radio outages remain in both U.S. territories. The agency formed a task force

this week and approved an advance of \$77 million to support carriers working to restore telecommunications services.

#### **VAGUE PROMISES**

But many offers of help from big companies remain somewhat vague. Google parent company Alphabet has proposed launching balloons over the island to bring Wi-Fi service to hard-to-reach places, as it has in other parts of the world.

The FCC announced Saturday that it's approved an experimental license for Project Loon to operate in Puerto Rico. But that doesn't mean it will able to get them in the air ress on this next step." anytime soon.

"We're grateful for the sunport of the FCC and the Puerto Rican authorities as we work hard to see if it's possible to use Loon balloons to bring emergency connectivity to the island during this time of need," said Libby Leahy, a spokesman for Alphabet's X division.

But there are limitations, she said Saturday.

"To deliver signal to people's devices, Loon needs be integrated with a telco partner's network—the balloons can't do it alone," she said, adding that the company is "making solid prog-

#### **COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

Cisco Systems has sent a tactical team and says it is working with local government, emergency responders and service providers to facilitate restoration and recovery efforts. The company, along with Microsoft and others, backs the NetHope consortium, which specializes in setting up post-disaster communication networks and has field teams now operating in Puerto Rico and several other Caribbean islands.

"Communication is critical during a disaster," Zuckerberg said after the hurricane hit, announcing that employees from his company's connectivity team—the same group working to build high-altitude drones that can beam internet service down to Earth-were heading to Puerto Rico. But with its aircraft still in the testing phase, the company said Friday that the engineers it's sent to Puerto Rico are focused on providing support to NetHope's teams.

#### **SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS**

Much of the ground work is being spearheaded by nonprofit organizations and small firms with expertise in rural or emergency communications.

Lexington, Massachusettsbased Vanu Inc., which sets up wireless communications networks in rural parts of the United States, Africa and India, is sending dozens of its small, solar-powered cellular base stations to volunteer crews on the ground in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Aid workers are pairing Vanu's devices with other technology, such as inflatable satellite antennas.

After setting up a network on the island of Vieques, off the main island of Puerto Rico, one team watched from a roof as local residents started getting text alerts from family members who had been trying to get in touch.

"They noticed everyone in the plaza pulling their phones out," said CEO Vanu Bose. "You don't have to announce you've lit up coverage. People know right away."

### Song Choi named FHB SVP, marketing manager

First Hawaiian Bank announced Friday that Song Choi has joined First Hawaiian Bank as senior vice president and marketing communications division manager.

Choi has extensive strategic brand marketing experience in integrated digital, social and traditional media campaigns. Choi will be responsible for the bank's branding, advertising and strategic marketing initiatives.

He fills a role vacated by Chris Dods, who in April 2017 took on an expanded role as head of the bank's consumer banking and marketing group.

We are pleased to welcome Song to our First Hawaiian Bank team," said Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman and chief executive

officer. "As our customer expectations evolve, we continue to seek opportunities to connect with clients digitally and in ways that will enhance our service. We look forward

to Song's contributions in continuing to build on First Hawaiian's brand for the future."

Choi is an awardwinning marketing and communications professional with more than 17 years of experi-

ence in designing creative, branding multi-channel campaigns for the banking, technology, real estate, and non-profit sectors.

He previously was director of marketing at ALTRES where he oversaw the marketing operations for their entire network of human resources companies in Hawaii. (PR)

hiring is widely expected to rebound in coming months as companies reopen and bring back workers and construction firms ramp up repair and renovation work.

Previous natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005, also inflicted short-term job losses that were followed by intensified hiring.

"The labor market remains in good shape," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial. "The job losses were due to disruptions from hurricanes, not underlying weakness in the economy."

Outside of hurricane-hit areas, many Americans found work. The number of people describing themselves as unemployed fell to 6.8 million, the fewest since March 2007, before the Great Recession began.

That sign of health makes it appear all but certain that the Federal Reserve will raise its benchmark short-term interest rate in December. According to data from the CME Group, investors now foresee an 88 percent chance of a Fed rate hike then.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen has said she expects pay raises to accelerate as unemployment declines. That, in turn, might lift inflation closer to the Fed's annual 2 percent target level if companies raised prices to pay for higher salaries.

Last month's drop was driven by huge losses in restaurants and bars, which accounted for 105,000 fewer jobs, a sign of the damage to Florida's tourism industry. Overall, roughly 1.5 million people were unable to work last month because of the weather, the government said, the most in 20 years.

Hourly workers couldn't work because of the storms last month and missed a paycheck would have been counted as not working in the government's survey of businesses, thereby lowering September's job total. That's true even if those employees returned to work after the storm passed or will return.

The unemployment rate fell because it is calculated with a separate survey of households. That survey counted people as employed even if they were temporarily out of work because of the storms. In fact, the proportion of adults who have jobs rose to 60.4 percent, the highest since January 2009.

### Hurricanes cause rare monthly US job loss but rebound likely

WASHINGTON (AP)—A pullback in U.S. hiring last month resulting from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma will likely prove short-lived, with a resilient job market pointing to gains in the coming months. The unemployment rate fell to a fresh 16-year low of 4.2 percent, from 4.4 percent, the Labor Department said Friday in its September jobs report. The proportion of Americans with jobs rose to a nearly nine-year high. And even long-dormant wage growth showed signs of picking up.

The economy lost 33,000 jobs last month—the first monthly loss in nearly seven years—as the hurricanes closed thousands of businesses in Texas, Florida and other parts of the Southeast. Yet

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### Nation

### Nate makes 2nd landfall outside Biloxi, Mississippi

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP) Hurricane Nate came ashore along Mississippi's coast outside Biloxi early Sunday, the first hurricane to make landfall in the state since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The storm had maximum sustained winds early Sunday near 85 mph (140 kph) with weakening expected as it moves inland, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. As of 2 a.m. EDT, Nate was centered about 5 miles (10 kilometers) north of Biloxi and moving north near at 20 mph (31 kph).

At one point, Nate's eye move over Keesler Air Force Base, where the National Hurricane Center's hurricane hunter planes are kept, the center said.

It was Nate's second landfall. Saturday night, the storm came ashore along a sparsely populated area in southeast Louisiana.



Nate's powerful winds pushed water onto roads and its winds knocked out power to homes and business. But Nate didn't have the intensity other storms — Harvey, Irma and Jose — had during this busy hurricane season, and people didn't seem as threatened by it. No deaths or injuries were immediately reported.

"We left for Katrina, but we're going to ride this one out," Ed Nodhturft said from his Ocean Springs home.

He was hosting an impromptu family reunion after several relatives who were staying at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi were forced to leave the hotel and seek shelter at his home.

During Katrina, Nodhturft's home took on 5 feet (1.5 meters) of water from a coastal bayou. He's in a new house, and a little worried about flooding in the low-lying area where he lives.

Hurricane Katrina made its final landfall on the Mississippi coast on Aug. 29, 2005, lev-

John Adams is a Massa-

Nate passed to the east of New Orleans, sparing the city

A sanitation employee, foreground, helps homeless people with their possessions, as they perform a homeless sweep in New Orleans, in advance of approaching Hurricane Nate, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017.

its most ferocious winds and storm surge. Its quick speed lessened the likelihood of prolonged rain that would tax the city's weakened drainage pump system. The city famous for all-night partying was placed under a curfew, effective at 7 p.m., but the mayor lifted it about an hour after it had begun when it appeared the storm would pass by and cause little problem for the city.

Still, the streets were not

nearly as crowded as they typically are on a Saturday night and Mayor Mitch Landrieu asked people to shelter in place.

Some bars were closed in the French Quarter but music blasted from others.

"I don't think it's going to be that bad, as far as a hurricane," said Michael Dennis of Atlanta.

Cities along the Mississippi coast such as Gulfport and Biloxi were on high alert. Some beachfront hotels and casinos were evacuated, and rain began falling on the region Saturday. Forecasters called for 3 to 6 inches (7 to 15 centimeters) with as much as 10 inches (25 centimeters) in some isolated places.

### Trump reaches out to Democrats in bid for 'great' healthcare law

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trying to revive health care talks, President Donald Trump said Saturday that he had spoken to the Senate's Democratic leader to gauge whether the minority party was interested in helping pass "great" health legislation.

The answer back: Democrats are willing to hear his ideas, but scrapping the Obama health law is a nonstarter.

Trump's latest overture to Democrats followed GOP failures so far to fulfill the party's yearslong promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. In spite of controlling the White House and Congress since January, Republicans have not passed the legislation.

The president tweeted that he called New York Sen. Chuck Schumer on Friday to discuss the 2010 law known "Obamacare," which Trump said "is badly broken, big premiums. Who knows!" Trump said he wanted "to see if the Dems want to do a great HealthCare Bill."

In remarks Saturday evening on the South Lawn before a trip to North Carolina, Trump said he was willing to consider "a temporary deal." What that might involve was not clear, but Trump referred to a popular GOP proposal that would have the federal government turn over money for health care directly to states in the form of block grants.

"If we could do a one-year deal or a two-year deal as a temporary measure, you'll have block granting ultimately to the states, which is what the Republicans want. That really is a repeal and replace," he said. In an interview taped earlier this week and aired Saturday night on Trinity Broadcasting Network, the president assured host Mike Huckabee that "we'll have health care before the election."

Schumer said through a spokesman Saturday Trump "wanted to make another run at repeal and replace and I told the president that's off the table." Schumer said if Trump "wants to work together to improve the existing health care system, we Democrats are open to his suggestions."

Trump has suggested before that he would be open to negotiating with Democrats on health care, but there have been no clear signs of a compromise between Republicans who have sought to scrap President Barack Obama's law and Democrats who want to protect it.

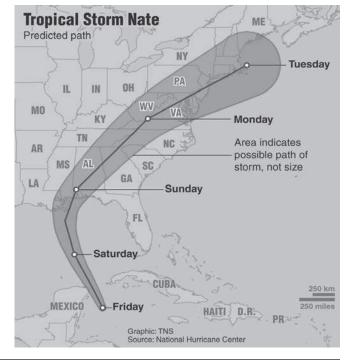
Schumer said a starting point could be negotiations led by Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., who have been discussing a limited bipartisan deal to stabilize state-level markets for individual health insurance policies. People covered under the health law represent about half of those who purchase individual policies.

eling many cities and buckling bridges. Casino barges were pushed into homes.

chusetts native who now lives on Belle Fontaine Beach, a narrow strip of land between the Mississippi Sound and a coastal marsh. Every house on the spit was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

'This is my first hurricane," Adams said hours before the storm made landfall. "So far, it's kind of a fizzle."

Katrina was the last hurricane that made a landfall on the Mississippi coast, although both Hurricane Gustav in 2008 and Hurricane Isaac in 2012 affected parts of the coast.



### Mourners pay tearful tribute to Vegas victim who saved wife

BAKERSFIELD,

(AP)—Jack Beaton felt equally comfortable gripping a pair of barbecue tongs surrounded by friends or swinging his roofer's hammer on a hot day at work. He died a hero shielding his wife from a gunman in the nation's deadliest mass shooting in modern history.

More than 800 people packed into a California church on Saturday for one of the first memorial services for the 58 people killed when gunman Stephen Paddock opened fire from a Las Vegas casino hotel room nearly a week ago. The service was held in Beaton's hometown of Bakersfield, a community that was home to several victims.

In family pictures and in tearful tributes, Beaton, 54, was remembered as a fun-loving friend, a hard-working roofer by trade, a generous and kindhearted neighbor, and above all a devoted husband and father. He took his wife, Laurie, to Las Vegas for the Route 91 Harvest

festival to celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary, and he died in her arms.

"He told me, 'Get down, get down, get down!" Laurie Beaton told The Associated Press ahead of the memorial service.

He put his body on top of hers for protection, she said.

"He told me, 'I love you, Laurie,' and his arms were around me and his body just went heavy on me," she said.

Jeff Sallee, a next-door neighbor to the Beatons, said Jack was the kind of person who put others first. If you tried to thank him for his kindness. Sallee said, he would cut you off and say: "Well, that's just what you do. Doesn't everyone?"

Inside the church, the family displayed photos from the couple's wedding and family portraits throughout the years. His football jersey from Kern Valley High School was laid out near a portrait of him wearing it as a young man. There was a coffee mug that had "I Love Dad" painted on

it in bright colors.

He leaves behind a 20-yearold son and 18-year-old daughter.

Vice President Mike Pence, in Las Vegas on Saturday, praised the heroic response by police and others in the crowd, and he mentioned that Beaton shielded his wife.

"In the depths of horror we will always find hope in the men and women who risk their lives," Pence said.

Friends remembered Beaton's easy smile, his love of camping with family and friends, and his fondness for a cold beer and a shot of Maker's Mark. He was genuine with no pretenses, a what-yousee-is-what-you-get kind of guy, friends said.

The Beatons traveled to the music festival with two other couples, including Dario and Kim Catallo, close friends they often took trips with.

"He was the life of the party," Dario Catallo said, adding that Jack made friends quickly.

Bakersfield is considered the West Coast Nashville as the birthplace of the twangy "Bakersfield Sound" style of country music. Other Bakersfield music lovers who died in Las Vegas were memorialized in other parts of the city.

Outside the Bakersfield Speedway, a makeshift memorial with flowers, candles and a poem was set up for the youngest victim of the attack-20-yearold Bailey Schweitzer, whose parents own the racetrack.

Catallo described the complete chaos and "sheer terror" he felt Sunday when it became clear gunfire was raking the

"We right away got on top of our wives. We got down together. The next rounds of bullets came. We survived that. Unfortunately, Jack was struck," he said. "There was so much going on. You had milliseconds to make decisions. Do we stay? What do we do? Do we get up? We don't know where the shooter was."

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### Asia

### Kim's murder trial to resume with lab visit for VX evidence

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—The trial of two women accused of killing the estranged half brother of North Korea's leader enters its second week with the court moving temporarily Monday to a high-security laboratory to view evidence tainted with the toxic VX nerve agent.

High Court Judge Azmi Ariffin declared that prosecutors and defense lawyers, along with the two suspects, will hold court at the laboratory for chemical weapons analysis to examine samples of the women's clothing before they are formally submitted as evidence.

The decision came after government chemist Raja Subramaniam told the court that VX found on the clothing may still be active.

Such a move is not unusual in criminal cases in Malaysia, where judges often visit crime scenes.

Hisyam Teh Poh Teik, lawyer for Vietnamese suspect Doan Thi Huong, told The Associated Press that the visit to Raja's lab is purely for safety reasons. He said the concept of holding a formal court session at the lab is to legalize the visit, which is expected to take an hour, after which the trial will resume in the court building.

Huong and Siti Aisyah of Indonesia pleaded not guilty at the start of their trial last week to charges of murdering Kim Jong Nam by smearing VX on his face at a crowded airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur on Feb. 13. They face a mandatory death sentence if convicted. Defense lawyers have said the women were duped by suspected North Korean agents



into believing they were playing a harmless prank for a hidden TV-camera show.

VX is banned by an international treaty as a weapon of mass destruction but is believed to be part of North Korea's chemical weapons arsenal.

Kim was the eldest son in the current generation of North Korea's dynastic rulers but was believed to have been cast out by his father and had lived abroad for years. He reportedly never met current leader Kim Jong Un, who is widely believed to have perceived his older sibling as a threat and targeted him for assassination.

Last week, VX-tainted evidence from Kim Jong Nam's body and clothing was presented in court in sealed transparent bags. It was not removed from the bags, but the judge and court officials wore surgical masks and gloves as a safety precaution.

During the week's four trial sessions, prosecutors sought to reconstruct Kim's final moments at the airport, establish that VX killed him and provide evidence linking VX to the two suspects.

Raja, who is the only Malaysian with a doctorate in chemical weapons analysis, testified he found traces of VX on Huong's white sweater and fingernail clippings, and on Aisyah's sleeveless T-shirt. Huong was seen on airport surveillance videos wearing a sweater emblazoned with big black letters reading "LOL," the acronym for "laughing out loud."

Raja also confirmed that he found VX on Kim's face, eyes, clothing, and in his blood and urine samples.

Raja testified that VX can be safely removed from the palm of a hand by scrubbing it with water within 15 minutes of exposure, in a possible explanation of why the two women didn't show any symptoms of poisoning.

Raja, the eighth witness to take the stand, is to be crossexamined by defense lawyers on Monday after the lab visit.

Pathologist Mohamad Shah Mahmood also testified there

### VX poisoning." "It's no surprise," said Hisyam, Huong's lawyer. "We

know their (prosecution) narration; we know the evidence that they have. We have a response; we have an answer to every evidence they have adduced so far."

Vietnamese Doan Thi Huong,

left, is escorted by police as she

arrives for court hearing at Shah

Alam court house in Shah Alam,

outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

were no signs that a heart at-

tack or other factors had con-

tributed to Kim's death. He

concluded in his autopsy re-

port that Kim died of "acute

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017.

Gooi Soon Seong, the lawyer for Aisyah, has said the detection of VX on the women is not enough to convict them.

"If I have the knife, it doesn't mean I killed the person. They must have other stronger evidence," he said.

### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### **Indonesia police arrest** 58 in raid on Jakarta gay sauna JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—

Police say they arrested 58 men, including several foreigners, in a raid of a gay sauna in Indonesia's capital. Police spokesman Argo Yuwono says Friday's raid in downtown Jakarta will lead to seven people being charged under Indonesia's pornography law, including the sauna's owner and staffers. He said Sunday that the other 51 men will be released if they are found to not be criminals or carrying drugs. The maximum penalty for those found guilty of pornography charges is 10 years in prison. Homosexuality is not illegal in Indonesia except in Aceh province, but the country's LGBT community has come under siege recently. Police have set up a special task force to investigate activities by gays and a case before the country's top court is seeking to criminalize homosexual sex.

(AP)—Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said Saturday that her government would continue to support nearly 1 million Rohingya Muslims who have fled neighboring Myanmar to escape violence. Hasina said the government was pursuing a plan to build temporary shelters

with the help of international aid agencies whom she praised for their support. She made the statement at Dhaka airport on her return from New York after attending the U.N. General Assembly session. The U.N. has described the violence in Myanmar as "ethnic cleansing." Hasina accused Myanmar of creating tensions at the border, but said she has asked the country's security forces to deal with the crisis "very carefully." "They pretended like they wanted a war," she said.

#### **Strong quake shakes** northeastern Japan, no danger of tsunami

TOKYO (AP)—A strong earthquake late Friday shook northeastern Japan off the coast of Fukushima, the region hit by a massive quake and tsunami in 2011 that triggered a nuclear plant meltdown, but there were no reports of damage or injuries. The Japan Meteorological Agency said there was no danger of a tsunami. It said the quake struck at about midnight and measured a preliminary magnitude of 5.9. It was centered about 50 kilometers (30 miles) below the ocean's surface, it said. The shaking was felt 240 kilometers (150 miles) away in Tokyo, Japan's capital. Public broadcaster NHK said local trains stopped temporarily for safety checks but then resumed service. The utility that operates the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant said its safety checks found no new abnormality.

### Filipino wanted in US terror plots stands accused at home

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— A Filipino doctor accused of plotting terror attacks in the United States was arrested months ago in the Philippines for his alleged involvement in kidnappings and beheadings blamed on pro-Islamic State group militants, an official said Saturday.

Chief State Counsel Ricardo Paras told The Associated Press that a Manila court is weighing a U.S. government request that Russell Salic be extradited to face terrorism financing complaints.

U.S. authorities said Friday that they disrupted a plot by Salic and two other Islamic State group sympathizers to carry out terrorist attacks at New York City locations, including concert venues, subway stations and Times Square in the summer of 2016.

Even if the court approves the U.S. extradition request, the Department of Justice in Manila would have to decide whether to let Salic face criminal complaints in the Philippines first or be allowed to be flown to the U.S. to answer the terrorism allegations there, Paras said.

"The U.S. can also request for a temporary surrender of Salic to its custody, but it's in our options to require him to face criminal complaints here first," Paras said.

Salic, 37, is accused of sending money to help fund the planned attacks, according to U.S. court documents, which have been made public. He allegedly told an undercover FBI agent posing as an Islamic extremist that his ultimate goal was to join the Islamic State group in Syria but that "it would be a great pleasure if we can slaughter" people in New York, the documents said.

Salic's lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment Saturday.

One of the defendants, Abdulrahman El Bahnasawy, was arrested after traveling from Canada to New Jersey in May 2016 to stage the attacks, U.S. authorities said. An American suspect, Talha Haroon, was arrested in Pakistan last year.

Haroon's extradition was halted in March by a Pakistan court. Haroon's lawyer Tariq Asad told The Associated Press at the time that his client's father, Haroon Rashid, told the court that his son is innocent and that his life would be in danger if he is extradited to the United States where President Donald Trump has "biased and prejudiced policy

against the Muslims."

Filipino state prosecutors say Salic was taken into custody around April of this year for alleged involvement in the abduction of six sawmill workers, two of whom were later beheaded, in the southern Philippine town of Butig in Lanao del Sur province in 2016.

The kidnappings and beheadings have been blamed on the so-called Maute group, a band of militants aligned with the Islamic State group that was largely unknown until they led a siege of southern Marawi city in May.

Nearly 1,000 people, including 771 militants, have been killed in the Marawi violence, which the military says will be contained soon following months of airstrikes and ground assaults.

Bangladesh PM says government will continue to help Rohingya DHAKA,

Bangladesh for the Rohingya on an island SAIPAN TRIBUNE MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 **17** 

### World

### Thousands demand that Spanish, Catalan leaders negotiate

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)— Thousands rallied in Madrid and Barcelona on Saturday in a last-ditch call for Spanish and Catalan leaders to stave off a national crisis amid Catalonia's threat to secede.

The rallies in the Spanish capital and the Catalan city were held with the slogan "Shall We Talk?" in an effort to push lawmakers in both cities to end months of silence and start negotiating. Attendees respected the organizers' call to not bring the Spanish or Catalan flag.

Catalonia's regional president Carles Puigdemont has vowed to make good on the results of last Sunday's disputed referendum on secession won by the Yes side. Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy warned that the vote was illegal and has promised that Catalonia is going nowhere.

Protestors packed Barcelona's Sant Jaume Square where the Catalan government has its presidential palace, shouting "We want to talk!" and holding signs saying "More Negotiation, Less Testosterone!" and "Talk or Resign!"

"We have to find a new way forward," said Miguel Iceta, the leader of Spain's Socialist party in Catalonia. "It's the moment to listen to the people who are asking for the problem to be solved through an agreement, and without precipitated and unilateral decisions."

The gathering around Ma-



A youth walks under a giant Spanish flag in Madrid, Spain, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017.

drid's Cibeles fountain boasted a huge banner demanding that leaders start talking. Some people chanted "Less hate, and more understanding!"

In a separate rally in Madrid's Colon Square, thousands clamored for the unity of Spain and against any attempt by the northeastern region to break away. The crowd bristled with Spanish flags. Pro-union forces will try to

generate momentum on Sunday in a protest in Barcelona.

Other protests asking for dialogue were held in cities including Valencia, Bilbao, Pamplona and Sanitago de Compostela, news agency Europa Press reported.

The calls for dialogue and unity come after a traumatic week, with riot police storming several polling stations in an unsuccessful attempt to impede the referendum. Instead, hundreds of voters were left in need of medical attention.

Even though 2.2 million Catalan voted—with 90 percent backing independencethe referendum polled less than half of the region's electorate. Puigdemont declared he would seek a declaration of independence in the regional parliament anyway.

The bloodied vote was fol-

lowed by a strike on Tuesday across Catalonia to protest the police violence. Then came the stern message from Spain's King Felipe VI that the Catalan government and parliament were breaking the law.

Puigdemont and his separatist supporters were struck a blow when Catalonia's top two banks, CaixaBank and Banco Sabadell, as well as energy giant Gas Natural announced they were relocating their headquarters from Catalonia to other parts of Spain.

Other companies are considering such a move to ensure that the region's possible secession wouldn't knock them out of the European Union and its lucrative common market.

Spain's Minister of Public Works Inigo de la Serna said on Saturday that "the companies will keep leaving and it's exclusively the fault of the members of the regional government."

The warnings by the business sector have coincided with the first calls from within Puigdemont's government to hold off on a declaration of independence.

Santi Vila, Catalonia's regional chief for business, told Cadena SER Radio late Friday that he's pushing for "a new opportunity for dialogue" with Spanish authorities.

### Protesters rally across Russia on Putin's 65th birthday

MOSCOW (AP)—In a challenge to President Vladimir Putin on his 65th birthday, protesters rallied across Russia on Saturday, heeding opposition leader Alexei Navalny's call to pressure authorities into letting him enter the presidential race.

Police allowed demonstrators in Moscow to rally near the Kremlin in an apparent desire to avoid marring Putin's birthday with a crackdown. A bigger rally in St. Petersburg, Putin's hometown, was disbanded by police after protesters blocked traffic and attempted to break through police cordons.

The rallies came as Navalny himself is serving a 20-day jail term for calling for an earlier unsanctioned protest.

In Moscow, several hundred protesters, most of them students, gathered on downtown Pushkinskaya Square, waving Russian flags and chanting "Russia will be free!" and "Let Navalny run!" Police warned them that the rally wasn't sanctioned and urged them to disperse, but let the protest

continue for hours without trying to break it up.

Mostly teenage protesters later walked down Moscow's Tverskaya Street toward the Kremlin, shouting "Putin, go away!" and "Future without Putin!"

Police lines blocked them approaching Red from Square and they turned back. Several hours later, some made a new attempt to march on the Kremlin, shouting "Putin thief!" and briefly attempted to block traffic.

"We battle for Russia to be free from Putinism. Because the power we have now is feudal, we have no freedom of speech, no freedom of choice," said protester Stepan Fesov.

The authorities' decision to refrain from breaking up the Moscow protest contrasted with a more forceful response to previous Moscow rallies called by Navalny, when police detained more than 1,000 demonstrators.

Police also didn't intervene at first with a bigger unsanctioned rally in St. Petersburg,

where nearly 2,000 gathered at Marsovo Pole park and then marched across the city chanting "Russia without Putin!" and "Putin, retire!"

Shortly after, police broke up the demonstration, detaining nearly 40 after some tried to break through police lines. Police said those detained were released and will face fines for blocking traffic.

One detainee, Marina Bukina, said she was injured in the head when a police officer hit her with a club.

After the St. Petersburg march was disbanded, several hundred protesters continued rallying for hours at the downtown Vosstaniya Square as police stood by without intervening.

"Putin has been in charge since I was born," said Dmitry Samokhin, an 18-year-old protester in St. Petersburg. "The country is mired in stagnation and I want to see changes."

Navalny's headquarters called protests in 80 cities. Most were not sanctioned by authorities, but police largely refrained from dispersing the rallies that drew from a few dozen to a few hundred people. The Siberian city of Yakutsk saw a tough police response, with a few dozen demonstrators reportedly detained.

Navalny has declared his intention to run for president in the March 2018 election, even though a criminal conviction that he calls politically motivated bars him from running. The 41-year-old anti-corruption crusader has organized waves of protests this year, raising the pressure on the Kremlin.

Putin hasn't yet announced whether he would seek reelection, but he's widely expected to run. With his current approval ratings topping 80 percent, he is set to easily win another six-year term in a race against torpid veterans of past election campaigns, like Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov.

Navalny argues that the high level of support for Putin comes from the lack of real political competition and urged supporters to help him get registered.

**SEC.** WORLD BRIEFS

#### **Attack on Saudi** palace in Jiddah kills 2 royal guards CAIRO (AP—A gunman

opened fire outside a Saudi royal palace on Saturday, killing two members of the Saudi Royal Guard, an official Saudi news agency reported. The Saudi Press Agency quoted the security spokesman for the Interior Ministry as saying that the attacker exited a vehicle and opened fire on the western gate of Al-Salam Palace in Jiddah early Saturday morning, killing two Guard members and wounding three others. The gunman was shot dead on the spot, according to the SPA report. The ministry identified the attacker as Mansour bin Hassan bin Ali bin Al Fahid al-Amri, a 28-year-old Saudi national, the report said, adding that he was carrying Kalashnikov rifles and three Molotov cocktails. It said the investigation is ongoing.

#### Official: Ghana gas station explosions kill number of people

ACCRA, Ghana (AP)—A tanker explosion at a gas-filling station in Ghana late Saturday, followed by a secondary blast, has left a number of casualties in the Legon suburb in northwest Accra, authorities said. Ghana's deputy information minister Kojo Oppong-Nkrumah said the fire has been controlled and

firefighters are now controlling the second explosion. "It is early days yet to give any figures" on the number injured or dead, he said, adding there were casualties. Ambulances had been deployed, and those people who sustained various degrees of injury have been sent to hospitals, he said.

#### **Police: Car crash** in London is traffic accident, not terror

LONDON (AP)—A car crash that injured 11 people outside a major London tourist attraction Saturday sparked fears of a terrorist attack but turned out to be simply a traffic accident, London police said. The accident at 2:20 p.m. outside the popular Natural History Museum in the heart of central London brought a gigantic police response, including helicopters and hazardous area response teams, because of terrorist concerns. Police said 11 people were injured when a car apparently mounted the pavement and hit pedestrians. Nine people were hospitalized with head and leg injuries that were not judged to be life-changing. Panicky scenes ensued after the pedestrians were struck and it took nearly four hours for police to reassure the anxious public that it was not another terrorist attack.

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### Focus

## A casino regular, quiet but prickly, unleashes a rampage

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LAS VEGAS (AP)—Stephen Paddock usually kept a cigar at hand, even though he didn't smoke. But he was quick to notice when somebody sat down beside him and lit up.

Then Paddock, a denizen of hazy casinos, would take out his cigar, light it and carefully aim its smoke back into the faces of those whose puffing annoyed him.

"He was the king of microaggression," his brother, Eric, said.

Last week, Stephen Paddock returned to the Las Vegas Strip, where he spent many hours and thousands of dollars at highlimit video poker machines, and eyed the fun-seekers crowding his oasis. But this time he did so from a 32nd floor casino hotel suite. Then he smashed open a pair of windows with a hammer and opened fire with a carefully assembled arsenal, murdering 58 fans gathered at an outdoor country music concert and injuring 500 more before killing himself.

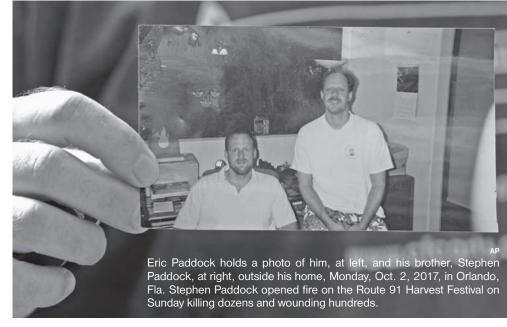
Investigators and those who knew the 64-year-old former accountant and real estate investor say they cannot fathom what drove him to slaughter. Authorities, who have been trying to track Paddock's movements before the massacre, say there is evidence he also scoped out recent music festivals in Chicago and Boston. So far, though, they say there is no indication that any one incident or grievance turned the sometimes prickly high-stakes gambler into an executioner.

Paddock remains a cipher. But details that have surfaced so far about this murderer—a one-time IRS agent, a boy-friend recalled as both caring and caustic, son of a notorious bank robber—are clues, at least, to his mindset. Unlike most mass shooters, who are usually younger, he was the product of decades of experience and rumination.

Paddock made his living playing machines that reward those who set aside emotion in favor of calculus. He was a methodical planner who paid close attention to other people's behavior, according to those who knew him. And those traits, assets to a gambler, may well have made him more deadly, criminologists said.

Paddock moved from coast to coast over the years, but his story began and ended in the desert Southwest.

The oldest of four brothers, he was raised in Tucson, Arizona. When he was 7, his



father, Benjamin Hoskins Paddock, tried to run down an FBI agent during a pursuit in Las Vegas. After the elder Paddock was caught and charged with a string of Phoenix bank robberies, agents came to the family's house to search for evidence.

A neighbor, Eva Price, took little Stephen swimming while agents combed through the home.

"We're trying to keep Steve from knowing his father is held as a bank robber," she told the Tucson Citizen at the time. "Steve is a nice boy. It's a terrible thing."

Benjamin Paddock was sentenced to 20 years in a Texas federal prison. But he escaped and spent a decade on the run, landing him on the FBI's Most Wanted List.

A wanted posting from 1969 described the older Paddock as an avid bridge player who went by numerous aliases and had been diagnosed as psychopathic. The FBI described him as egotistical, arrogant and a frequent gambler, according to an article that year in the Arizona Republic.

"He reportedly has suicidal tendencies and should be considered armed and dangerous," the agency warned.

Paddock's mother moved with her sons to Southern California. Paddock's brothers recall that their mother, who worked as a secretary, did her best to raise the boys on her own, even when times were tight.

At John H. Francis Polytechnic High School, Paddock was a brainy kid, but defied the geek stereotype by dressing more like a hippie, said Richard Alarcon, a former classmate who went on to serve on the Los Angeles City Council. The other thing that set Paddock apart was his "irreverence toward authority," Alarcon said.

For a school contest, Paddock and other students were assigned to design bridges using

no more than a specified amount of wood and no glue, in a bid to build the strongest structure.

Paddock's bridge "was like a brick, he put so much glue in it and he used so much more wood than he was supposed to," Alarcon said. "But he didn't care ... It was like he just wanted to build the best bridge ever, regardless of what the rules were."

Paddock earned a degree in business administration from California State University, Northridge, in 1977, a school official said. He then spent a decade working for the federal government, first for the postal service, then an IRS agent for six years and, finally, as a defense auditor, according to the government's Office of Personnel Management.

He married and divorced twice, remaining on good terms with both former wives, family members say, and left government work to become an accountant for a defense contractor.

Around the same time, he began investing in real estate, eventually buying and selling properties in California, Florida, Nevada and Texas. Eric Paddock said he and his brother had bought and sold some of those properties together and that Stephen Paddock's real estate and gambling exploits had turned him into a multimillionaire.

He lived in some of those properties. But neighbors said they saw little of him.

When Paddock bought a house in Brevard County, Florida, in 2013, he told neighbors he lived in Las Vegas, but wanted the home as a base to search for a place for his mother. He gave next-door neighbor Don Judy a set of keys and asked him to check the place when he wasn't around. Inside, Judy noticed, the place was outfitted sparsely, almost like a dorm room, with minimal furniture but two computers. Paddock showed Judy's wife a laptop on

which he'd just won \$20,000 betting online.

"He said he was a gambler by trade, a speculator," Judy

At the Atlantis Casino in Reno, one of Paddock's regular haunts, he met Marilou Danley, a high-limit hostess there from 2010 to 2013, and they became a couple. Neighbors near Reno said as recently as this summer, they saw Paddock's girlfriend gardening in the front yard of a house he owned or taking Zumba classes at the community clubhouse. She'd wave and say hi, but none knew of her being close to anyone on the block a fact that struck some as odd in a close-knit neighborhood of friendly older adults, many retired. All said they almost never saw Paddock.

He had a second home in Mesquite, Nevada, where neighbors recalled seeing little of Paddock after he bought a house on a cul-de-sac.

Siblings of both Paddock and Danley said they shared a loving relationship. In a statement released by her lawyer, Danley—who said Paddock sent her to the Philippines about two weeks before the shooting—described him as "a kind, caring, quiet man. I loved him and I hoped for a quiet future together with him."

Danley said Paddock had wired her \$100,000 in recent weeks and told her to buy a house for her family in the Philippines.

But workers at a casino Starbucks in Mesquite that the couple frequented say Paddock often scolded his girlfriend in public.

"He would glare down at her and say—with a mean attitude—'You don't need my casino card for this. I'm paying for your drink, just like I'm paying for you.' Then she would softly say, 'OK' and step back behind him. He was so rude to her in front of us," the store's supervi-

sor, Esperanza Mendoza, told the Los Angeles Times.

Others who crossed paths with Paddock in recent months described him as despondent and smelling of alcohol.

When Paddock came into a Reno car dealership late this summer, he told salesman Scott Armstrong he was depressed and had relationship troubles.

"When's the last time somebody told you their life was miserable? It sticks with you," Armstrong said.

Still, investigators said they are finding little to explain what drove him to mass murder. He had no known criminal record, and so far investigators have not disclosed any evidence that he had struggled financially or otherwise.

On the contrary, his brother and professional gamblers say, his poker wagers paid off not just in winnings but with perks like free hotel rooms and poolside cabanas.

Most of Nevada's video poker machines are in bars, set up so drinkers can play from their stools for 25 cents a hand. But Paddock favored high-dollar machines, separated from the rest of casinos, where top players rely on mathematical strategy to shrug off losses while playing for a big payoff.

Paddock, usually dressed in a button-up shirt and a pair of pants that "looked like he'd had it on for a few days," would sit for hours, often placing bets of \$100 or more, rarely talking with anyone else but clearly conscious of his surroundings, said John Weinreich, a former executive casino host at Reno's Atlantis.

The gambler had a "God complex," he said, and expected quick service no matter how busy the staff was.

He said Paddock had a habit of staring at other people, as if silently challenging them to a contest. One high roller—an even bigger player than Paddock—told Weinreich it gave her the creeps.

"It was just his demeanor. It was like, 'I'm here. Don't cross me. Don't look at me too long," Weinreich said.

Eric Paddock said his brother was generous with the privileges the casinos bestowed on him. He recalled how during one trip to Las Vegas, Stephen ordered them a sushi meal that must've been worth \$1,000, but was paid for by a casino. During that same outing, though, Stephen Paddock turned abruptly and demanded that his brother go get him a sandwich.

"That's the cost of being with Steve," he said.

Eric Paddock said he knew his brother owned a few hand-

guns, but not so many that he'd call him a collector. But investigators say Paddock had bought 33 firearms in the last year alone, mostly rifles.

When Paddock visited B&S Guns in Garland, Texas, last year with his girlfriend, he asked whether there was a way to modify a gun to make it easier to pull the trigger, owner Paul Peddle said. Peddle recalled that Paddock had purchased handguns there before, had his license in order and seemed like a nice enough guy. Danley, who was walking with a cane at the time after surgery, played with Peddle's puppies while her boyfriend asked questions. And when it was time to go, Paddock walked her to the car and helped her to get in.

"He was very charismatic with her, very sweet," Peddle said.

When Paddock checked into the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino last week, he requested a room on a higher floor, but was told nothing was available. Then a room freed up and managers moved him to a 1,700-square-foot suite on the 32nd floor. It lists for \$590 a night. But as a big bettor, Paddock got it on the house.

Security appears to have paid little notice as he moved a series of bags containing 23 guns to the room. But they did respond to his complaints about loud music from a family staying in the room just below.

On Sunday night, Paddock donned black pants and a black glove and took his place before the floor-to-ceiling windows looking down at the crowd listening to country singer Jason Aldean. Outside the door of the room, he placed a camera in a catering cart and another in the door's peephole to keep an eye on those who might approach from behind.

It added up to a carefully conceived plan designed for maximum carnage.

In a chilling but unforeseen way, it echoed his deliberate approach to video poker. But those who saw how Paddock prided himself on his casino prowess and the perks it brought him said it made it that much harder to reconcile with the notion that he would target that very world for destruction.

"Girls brought him drinks. They served him big shrimp ... They put him up in fancy hotel rooms," Eric Paddock said this week, standing outside his home in Orlando, Florida.

"No affiliation, no politics, he never cared about any of that stuff," the shooter's brother said. "He just wanted to get a frickin royal flush." SAIPAN TRIBUNE MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 **19** 

### Health & Fitness

**HOME REMEDIES:** 

# controlling and managing your blood pressure

ifestyle changes can help you control and prevent high blood pressure, even if you're taking blood pressure medication.

Here's what you can do:

Eat healthy foods. Eat a healthy diet. Try the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet, which emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, poultry, fish and lowfat dairy foods. Get plenty of potashypertension, diabetes or chronic kidney disease.

Otherwise healthy people can aim for 2,300 mg a day or less. While you can reduce the amount of salt you eat by putting down the saltshaker, you generally should also pay attention to the amount of salt that's in the processed foods you eat, such as canned soups or frozen dinners.

Maintain a healthy weight. Keeping a healthy weight, or losing weight if you're overweight or obese, can help problems. If you're overweight, loslower your blood pressure.

your risk of several health problems and keep your weight under control.

For most healthy adults, the Department of Health and Human Services recommends that you get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity, or a combination or moderate and vigorous activity. Aim to do muscle-strengthening exercises at least two days a week.

Limit alcohol. Even if you're healthy, alcohol can raise your blood pressure. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. For healthy adults, that means up to one drink a day for women of all ages and men older than age 65, and up to two drinks a day for men age 65 and younger. One drink equals 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor.

By SHELBIE LYNN BOSTEDT

It's 3 p.m. Your eyes are growing

tired, your legs have gone numb from your uncomfortable office chair and

your stomach is growling. You've

somehow made it through the ma-

jority of the workday without taking

a break to eat lunch, drink water or

Amber Discko, a former staffer

from Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign, has been there. And now, she's

aiming to break the cycle of burnout

Discko found herself at a low point

after months of working on Clinton's

digital team in a particularly vitriolic

care of myself," she said. "I wasn't

drinking water. I was skipping meals,

and I didn't notice until it really start-

check-in tool that was made open to

the public via her website aloe.club.

It was then that Discko created the

ed affecting me physically."

"I hit rock bottom. I wasn't taking

with her self-care app, Aloe.

election cycle.

even use the bathroom.

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Don't smoke. Tobacco injures blood vessel walls and speeds up the process of hardening of the arteries. If you smoke, ask your doctor to help you quit.

Manage stress. Reduce stress as much as possible. Practice healthy coping techniques, such as muscle relaxation, deep breathing or meditation. Getting regular physical activity and plenty of sleep can help, too.

Monitor your blood pressure at home. Home blood pressure monitoring can help you keep closer tabs on your blood pressure, show if medication is working, and even alert you and your doctor to potential complications. Home blood pressure monitoring isn't a substitute for visits to your doctor, and home blood pressure monitors may have some limitations. Even if

Self-care app aims to break the cycle of burnout

you get normal readings, don't stop or change your medications or alter your diet without talking to your doctor first.

If your blood pressure is under control, you may be able to make fewer visits to your doctor if you monitor your blood pressure at home.

Practice relaxation or slow, deep breathing. Practice taking deep, slow breaths to help relax. There are some devices available that promote slow, deep breathing. However, it's questionable whether these devices have a significant effect on lowering your blood pressure.

Control blood pressure during pregnancy. If you're a woman with high blood pressure, discuss with your doctor how to control your blood pressure during pregnancy. (Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)



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Discko also launched an accompanying Twitter account, which sends reminders to its followers to take breaks throughout the day. Followers can also send tweets to the account for words of inspiration.

The app, according to Discko, was a natural progression from the online check-in tool and commu-



The self-care app Aloe aims to help prevent burnout by reminding users to take breaks to drink water, eat lunch and even use the bathroom.

nity she built via Twitter.

"I always knew that the community would be the first thing I did, but I noticed that a lot of people checking in were mobile users," Discko said. "People were asking on Twitter repeatedly, 'When are you going to make an app?"

Discko created a Kickstarter project to fund the venture with a goal of \$40,000 but immediately faced criticism from Twitter users questioning the legitimacy of the campaign. "Who needs to be reminded to use the bathroom?" "Do people really need an app to brush their teeth?" some users questioned.

"Those people don't need to be reminded: They have the tools and resources and money to actually take care of themselves at a higher standard," Discko said. "I'm hoping that negativity and dumb jokes on Twitter will open people's eyes that just because you may not need help doesn't mean millions of other people feel the same."

The social media trolling escalated to include three large fake donations to the Kickstarter campaign, leading to a last-minute scramble to reach the goal—Kickstarter doesn't pay out for partially funded campaigns.

Animosity toward a tool designed to help people doesn't make sense to Discko—though labeling the app as a "self-care" tool may be at the root of it. Millennials, the main demographic of Aloe supporters, have routinely been labeled as self-absorbed.

However, according to Joyce Marter, a licensed psychotherapist and owner of Chicago-based counseling practice Urban Balance, self-care encompasses more than bath bombs and long naps—though those may help some. Self-care, at its core, is making sure you're thriving, rather than just surviving.

"Sometimes people think self-care is selfish, but it's really about being your own good parent," Marter said. "An app that helps you keep track of tasks provides accountability. It's a measuring tool to help people have a realistic read on how they're doing."

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# Life & Style

# Resignations, fallout grow for embattled producer Weinstein

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A an email request for further prominent attorney said Saturday she is no longer representing movie mogul Harvey Weinstein as he confronts sexual harassment allegations dating back years, while a TV news anchor lodged another claim of misconduct against the movie mogul and a third board member resigned from Weinstein's company.

The developments, along with the departure of yet another lawyer for Weinstein, are the latest fallout from allegations against the Oscarwinning producer that The New York Times detailed in an expose Thursday.

"My understanding is that Mr. Weinstein and his board are moving toward an agreement," attorney Lisa Bloom said in announcing her resignation on Twitter.

Bloom didn't respond to

comment. She previously has represented victims of sexual harassment and assault. Her work with the co-chair of The Weinstein Co. drew fierce criticism online. Bloom is the daughter of well-known Los Angeles women's rights attorney Gloria Allred.

Charles Harder, another attorney representing Weinstein, didn't immediately reply to a request for comment on the developments. A Weinstein Co. spokeswoman, Nicole Quenqua, declined to comment.

Lanny Davis, a lawyer who also was working with Weinstein, is no longer advising the producer, said a person familiar with the situation who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Davis declined comment, his office said.

President Donald Trump,

preparing to board a helicopter to travel from the White House to a North Carolina

fundraiser on Saturday, was asked by reporters to weigh in on the embattled Hollywood figure. "I've known Harvey Weinstein a long time," Trump replied. When asked Weinstein if he was surprised

by the accusations, the president replied: "I'm not at all surprised to see it."

Trump brushed off a query about his 2005 "Access Hollywood" tape comments, in which he bragged about women letting him kiss them and grab their genitals because he is famous.

"That's locker room," he said, echoing his characterization of the remarks after the audio was revealed during last year's presidential campaign.

The allegations of sexual misconduct against Weinstein

> were detailed in a report this week by The New York Times. Weinstein is on indefinite leave from the company co-founded while it conducts an investigation into the claims made by

women including actors Ashley Judd and Rose McGowan and stretching back years.

TV anchor Lauren Sivan added to them, detailing an alleged 2007 encounter with Weinstein in a HuffPost report Friday. Sivan, then working at a New York cable channel, Long Island 12, alleged that Weinstein cornered her in the hallway of a Manhattan restaurant closed to the public and masturbat-

Sivan said she had rejected an attempt by Weinstein to kiss her. "Well, can you just stand there and shut up," she claims he responded.

Sivan, who is now a reporter and host for Fox broadcast TV's Los Angeles station, Fox 11, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. But she reaffirmed the HuffPost report on Twitter.

"Yeah. This happened. luckily I didn't need a job or favor from him + didn't have to be polite. Others did. Keep that in mind," she tweeted, then followed up with a second post: "For those asking why I waited? YOU try telling that story 10 yrs ago. Only possible now

because of women with bigger names far braver than me."

The scandal's fallout included the resignation of Weinstein Co. board member Marc Lasry, charirman and CEO of Avenue Capital Group, which was confirmed Saturday by a Lasry spokesman, Todd Fogarty. Lasry joined an exodus from the nine-member board, with billionaire Dirk Ziff and, according to reports, Technicolor executive Tim Sarnoff also leaving.

On another front, "Morning Joe" co-host Mika Brzezinski tweeted that "unless Harvey resigns" she will withdraw from a three-book deal she struck last summer with Weinstein Books.

### Trump hits back at late night shows critical of Republicans

By PHILIP MARCELO

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President Donald Trump lashed out Saturday against late night television show hosts who have been sharply critical of his administration and Republicans.

Trump took to Twitter to argue that the GOP should be given "equal time" because of the "one-sided" coverage, an apparent reference to Federal Communications Commission rules dealing with political candidates during elections.

"Late Night host(s) are dealing with the Democrats for their very 'unfunny' & repetitive material, always anti-Trump!" he tweeted. "Should we get Equal Time?"

Trump also suggested "more and more people" are clamoring for more coverage of Republicans, who control the White House and Congress Seth Meyers, who has been among the most vocal Trump critics, immediately tweeted back that he'd "love" to have Trump on his NBC show, and sarcastically provided his studio address as "15 Penguin Avenue, Antarctica.

ABC's Jimmy Kimmel, another critic, added: "Excellent point Mr. President! You should quit that boring job— I'll let you have my show ALL to yourself #MAGA."

And Comedy Central's Daily Show responded by posting—"in the spirit of equal time"- Trump's now infamous off-camera comments in 2005 to an "Access Hollywood" host in which he used coarse language to boast about groping women.

Others pointed out that "equal time" is meant for campaign season, not to protect elected officials from being

the butt of television humor.

"That's not how it works. You're not campaigning. You're the president," Mike DiCenzo, a writer and producer for NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon," tweeted. "Now kindly stop tweeting nonsense and go do your job for once."

The FCC rule says political candidates should be treated equally by broadcast television stations when it comes to selling or giving away air time. Over the years, the commission has broadly exempted news programs, including late night talk shows, from the provision.

Trump's tweets followed shortly after a segment on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" critiquing many late show hosts for taking "a hard turn to the left."

The president's reference to "dealing with Democrats" appears to allude to recent reports that Kimmel consulted with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, before delivering a series of emotional and personal monologues against Republicans' attempts to repeal and replace the health care law that was championed by former President Barack Obama.

Kimmel's son, Billy, was born this year with a congenital heart defect, a pre-existing condition the late night host argued would have prevented the boy from getting health insurance if not for the Affordable Care Act that Obama signed in 2010.



#### UNIQUE PORTRAIT

Crowds look at Richard Schlatter's ArtPrize entry "A. Lincoln" in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. This portrait of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, made with more than 24,000 pennies competition. Each year of Lincoln pennies, from 1909 through 2017, is represented in the piece. It includes 1,681 steel pennies from 1943, which form Lincoln's shirt. "A. Lincoln" by Richard Schlatter was awarded one of two \$200,000 prizes following a public vote in Grand Rapids, and for the other, a jury of experts selected Seitu Jones' "The Heartside Community Meal," which welcomed 250 residents to a 300-foot table in the city's Heartside Park last month for a healthy, locally grown meal.

### Serbia's dethroned royals hold a wedding in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Although it's not a kingdom now, Serbia has hosted a wedding for dethroned royals.

Prince Philip Karadjordjevic, of the dethroned Serbian royals, married Danica Marinkovic on Saturday in main cathedral.

The wedding was performed by the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Irinej, and attended by many public figures. Dozens gathered outside the

a ceremony at Belgrade's church on a sunny but chilly autumn day.

Philip is one of the sons of Crown Prince Aleksandar Karadjordjevic, the heir to Serbia's now-defunct throne. The royal family ruled Yugoslavia until communists took power after World War II and abolished the monarchy. Exiled during WWII, the family returned to Serbia after 2000.

Philip was born in Fairfax, Virginia, while his wife is the daughter of prominent Serbian painter Cile Marinkovic.

### Cindy Crawford: Daughter's entry into modeling 'inevitable'

WARREN, Mich. (AP)— Cindy Crawford says she's more concerned about her 16-year-old daughter sitting behind the wheel of a car than walking a runway.

The supermodel's daughter, Kaia Gerber, made her New York Fashion Week debut last month. Her 18-year-old son, Presley Gerber, also is a model.

"My daughter just got her driver's license. I'm a lot more concerned about her driving by herself than her entering the world of modeling," Crawford told The Associated Press during an interview at a charity event near Detroit. "The great thing for my kids is that I know a lot about that world. I feel like: Who better to help guide them than me?"

Crawford says she understands it's inevitable that Kaia Gerber would enter the modeling world. Gerber bears a striking resemblance to her 51-year-old mother.

"In some ways, I wish I could have pushed it off a year or two. But she's 16. That's how old I was when I started.



which is young, but in fashion that's kind of the normal age when people start," Crawford said Thursday.

Gerber already has made a splash walking the runway for a number of top designers, including Versace.

At Milan Fashion Week in September, Donatella Versace hosted a runway tribute to her brother, Gianni Versace, 20 years after his slaying in Miami. The show brought together the supermodels that Gianni Versace helped create-Claudia Schiffer, Naomi Campbell, Helena Christensen and yes, Crawford.

But it also featured the new generation of celebrity models, including the HadidsGigi and Bella; plus Kendall

was doing that show," Crawford said. "The models themselves don't really get booked until the day before or two days before. And finally Kaia got booked for it, and I said, 'You know I'm doing that

Jenner and Gerber.

"I didn't know my daughter

show, right?'

Nelly was arrested in Tennessee in 2015 on felony drug possession charges after a trooper smelled marijuana on his bus. Nelly later pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor drug charges: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, the district attorney said. Nelly agreed to a pretrial diversion, which means his record was later cleared, Rosenblum said.

Nelly is a three-time Gram-

In this Sept. 29, 2017 file photo, model Cindy Crawford,

right, poses with her daughter Kaia Gerber for photographers upon arrival at a party for Omega in Paris

"She's like, 'Wait, do we have to walk down together?' I said, 'No. I don't even want to walk down with you. I'm going to walk down with the ladies that are my age. You can go with the girls that are

your age."

Crawford says she was proud to take part in Thursday's ceremony honoring five people who have made a difference in their communities. It was held at an Art Van Furniture store in Warren, Michigan.

Crawford has served for the past few years as the official ambassador of the Art Van Charity Challenge, a charitable giving initiative that has donated \$8 million and raised more than \$24 million for 359 charities.

### Jason Aldean pays tribute to Vegas victims, Petty on 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP)— "Saturday Night Live" has paid tribute to victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting and the late rock superstar Tom Petty by opening its show with country star Jason Aldean singing one of Petty's songs.

Aldean performed "I Won't Back Down" during the live opening Saturday night and then introduced the show.

Aldean was performing at an outdoor concert in Las Vegas last Sunday night when a gunman sprayed bullets into the crowd from a high-rise hotel, killing 58 people and injuring nearly 500.

Petty died Monday in Los Angeles at age 66 after suffering cardiac arrest.

### Rapper Nelly arrested on rape accusation

SEATTLE (AP)—Police arrested rapper Nelly early Saturday after a woman said he raped her on his tour bus in a town outside Seattle, an accusation the Grammy winner's attorney staunchly denied.

Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Iral Haynes Jr., was arrested about 4:37 a.m. Saturday in his tour bus at a Walmart, Auburn police spokesman Commander Steve Stocker said.

The woman called 911 to report being sexually assaulted by Nelly on the tour bus, police said in a statement.

He will have his first ap-

pearance before a judge "at some point," Stocker said. Nelly was scheduled to perform in Ridgefield, Washington, on Saturday night.

Nelly's attorney, Scott Rosenblum, said Saturday afternoon that the singer was released from jail pending the investigation, and he is expected to be at the Ridgefield show.

Nelly performed at the White River Amphitheatre in Auburn, Washington, on Friday night. He's on tour with Florida Georgia Line.

At 12:23 a.m. Saturday, after that show, he sent out a Tweet that said in part: "its (sic) really you against the whole world because the whole world don't know you exist."

Rosenblum called the rape claim a "completely fabricated allegation."

"Our initial investigation clearly establishes this allegation is devoid of credibility and is motivated by greed and vindictiveness. I am confident, once this scurrilous accusation is thoroughly investigated, there will be no charges. Nelly is prepared to address and pursue all legal avenues to redress any damage caused by this clearly false allegation,"

Rosenblum said in an email.

my winner, including for the song "Hot in Herre," which won the best male rap solo performance award in 2002.

### Developers offer to buy Dr. Seuss mural decried as racist

SPRINGFIELD. (AP)—A real estate developer and his partner have offered to buy a mural featuring a Chinese character from a Dr. Seuss book after it was deemed offensive.

The mural inside the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum in Massachusetts features illustrations from the author's first children's book, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street."

The museum, which is in the author's hometown of Springfield, said Thursday

the mural will be replaced after three children's authors said it contains a "jarring racial stereotype."

The Republican reports Chinese-American developer Andy Yee and businessman Peter Picknelly announced Saturday they're willing to buy the mural if it's removed. Picknelly called the criticism "political correctness gone insane."

Democratic Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno says he wants the mural to remain in the museum.

### Miscarriage causes woman to withdraw from friends

EAR ABBY: I am at that age when most of my friends and colleagues are having children. I suffered a miscarriage (my first pregnancy) a few months ago, and I have been feeling depressed and helpless about the situation.

We are seeing a fertility specialist, so I am positive about our chances. However, when my husband and I are invited to attend functions with friends, I have been declining because one of his friends recently announced her pregnancy. I have become extremely withdrawn, jealous and anti-social. Is it normal for me to feel this way? I would love to be sociable and happy,

BABY JEALOUS IN MARYLAND

DEAR BABY JEALOUS: It's normal to feel some jealousy when those around you seem to experience something easily that you are struggling with. However, to isolate yourself because of it is self-defeating.

It could help you to talk this through with a licensed therapist. You are not alone in having these feelings, and the therapist can give you tools to help you cope. Ask your fertility specialist for a referral. I'm sure you won't be the first patient to do that, and it might bring you comfort.

**DEAR ABBY:** My issue is related to celebrations with my

in-laws. They are both retired.

At holiday time, we suggest that we pick up something to eat on the way, but they always tell us they already have stuff ready to cook. The problem is, we have gotten food poisoning in their home twice because of undercooked chicken. We have a 16-month-old son, and my in-laws are offended because we won't let him eat from their table and always bring his own food.

After the first bout, my husband asked them if they had a food thermometer. They said they did not, so we bought one for them The second time—on Easter—was horrible

My husband doesn't want to say anything to them because they are good to us and generous to our son. But I can't see myself ever eating at their house again. Help, please. What do we say to them?

GRATEFUL, BUT ...

**DEAR G.B.:** What you say is that you and their son have gotten food poisoning twice at their house because of undercooked chicken. Twice is enough. From now on, invite them to YOUR home for holiday dinners.

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been married for more than 50 years to a man I love with my whole being. But for years I've heard people say about their spouse, "I love him dearly, but I am not IN LOVE with him."

### **DEAR ABBY**

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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Would you please explain what this means? What's the dif-

JUST GOTTA ASK IN ARIZONA

DEAR JUST GOTTA: I think the phrase means different things to different people. To some it indicates that the excitement, those "fires of passion," may have cooled to a simmer and been slowly replaced by a calmer and deeper kind of affection. To others it may mean they weren't deeply in love in the first place.

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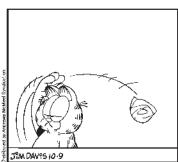












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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If something bothers you, talk about it. Use intelligence and positive strategy to persuade others to see things your way or to let you continue without interference. Partnerships will undergo change, but it will benefit everyone involved. OOOO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pour your attention into doing the best job possible. Being passionate about what you do or

produce will encourage others to respect your progress. A change to improve your position is in the stars. Negotiate on your own behalf. OOO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the initiative and talk your way into whatever you want to see transpire. You may not please everyone, but as long as you refuse to become angry and you respond with a positive incentive, you will get what you want. •••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be discreet about the way you live or who you love. Keeping your personal life a secret will help you avoid interference and being judged.

Less talk and more action will lead to a better position. Personal growth is encouraged.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your generosity is commendable, but keep in mind that charity begins at home. Make sure that you secure your position, your holdings and all your personal passwords and documents. Don't be too trusting. Use your intelligence. ����

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to what's being said or offered and retreat to a quiet place where you can consider your options. It's in your best interest to be cau-

tious and to avoid anyone trying to pressure you to make a decision. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be strategic. Plan your actions and implement what

you want to see happen precisely. Refuse to let anyone take over or lead you astray. Work alone to avoid interference. Self-improvement and personal growth are highlighted. �����

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions and money won't mix. Joint ventures or paying for someone else's mistakes will lead to regret and resentment. Do your own thing and don't be fooled by someone who exaggerates. Personal gain and improvements should be your priority. OOO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pick your words carefully. Don't leave room for anyone to misinterpret you. In-

telligent suggestions will help you avoid a problem with those you collaborate with. Appeal to those showing trepidation by offering an alternative solution or greater incentive.

**EUGENIA** 

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fo-

cus on your health and financial wellness. Don't take chances when it comes to your personal life. Sort out any differences you might have with someone before matters escalate. Romance is featured and will improve an important relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can wheel and deal until you get what you want. Personal investments, contracts and taking

care of business to benefit you in the future are encouraged. Renewing your promise to someone you love will bring you closer together. \*\*OCCO\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Self-deception is apparent. Don't let confusion lead you astray. If you aren't seeing a personal situation clearly, ask a trusted friend to give you some input. Refuse to let uncertainty lead to arguments and regrets. Remain positive and patient. OO

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By Dave Green

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### Puig powers Dodgers to 2-0 series lead vs D-backs



LOS ANGE-LES (AP)— Yasiel Puig's

bloop single didn't even drive in a run. He still flipped his bat , sprinted to first and triumphantly pointed back at his dugout, where the cheering Los Angeles Dodgers pointed right back while the crowd chanted his name.

Some of baseball's norms just don't apply to the exuberant Puig. Or to the Dodgers, who are getting huge offensive contributions from practically every spot in their lineup.

The Cuban slugger is just one purring component of a machine that has the Dodgers on the brink of an even bigger celebration.

Puig had three hits and drove in two runs, Austin Barnes added a key two-run double and the Dodgers used another relentless hitting performance to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-5 on Saturday night for a 2-0 lead in their NL Division Series.

Logan Forsythe had three hits and Kenley Jansen earned a flawless five-out save for the 104-win Dodgers, who have made their mediocre pitching irrelevant by pounding out 17 runs and 24 hits in the first two games against their NL West rival.

The Dodgers have the majors' biggest payroll, but their offense is coming from players of all salaries and pedigrees. And even when the heart of the Dodgers' order produced little in Game 2, their 6-7-8 hitters -- Forsythe, Barnes and Puig—were spectacular.

"We've got a lot of good players, and a lot of depth," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "There are so many guys in our lineup that can hurt you. I don't know how many times they were on base, but (the batters in the) 6, 7, 8 spot, those guys were on base all night, being productive, driving runs in."

The trio reached base a combined nine times, and Los Angeles turned an early 2-0 deficit into a 7-2 advantage with three rallies, capped by a four-run surge in the fifth.

Barnes, usually the Dodgers' backup catcher, reached base three times and got the night's biggest hit with that fifth-inning double. As for Puig, he has five hits, four RBI and an uncountable number of tongue-wags, bat-licks and obscure celebratory gestures in just two games.

"It tells you that this team is prepared," said Forsythe, who scored three runs in the second playoff game of his career. "The big thing for us is the guys that aren't in (the lineup every day) are wanting to prove something, and I think that gives them a little added edge. They come out



with a chip on their shoulder, and they want to get the job done. They're not scared to do it. They want to do it."

Paul Goldschmidt hit a tworun homer in the first inning and Brandon Drury added a pinch-hit, three-run shot in the seventh, but the Diamondbacks are on the brink of elimination after Robbie Ray and reliever Jimmie Sherfy couldn't contain the Dodgers' lineup.

Arizona actually has six homers in the series to just one by the Dodgers, who scored eight runs in Game 2 with only one extra-base hit.

"These games are dogfights, so it's going to take a team effort and a collective unit," Barnes said. "We've been doing this all year."

Game 3 of the best-of-five matchup is Monday at Chase Field. Arizona ace Zack Greinke will attempt to save the season when he faces his former teammates with the Dodgers, who counter with late-season acquisition Yu Darvish.

Greinke is probably the Diamondbacks' best chance to stop the Dodgers from scoring their way out of every problem.

"If you've got to pick one guy to stop this situation we're

in, I think we've found the right guy in Zack Greinke," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said.

Ray had been outstanding in five regular-season starts against the Dodgers, but he had just two days of rest after pitching in relief during Arizona's wild-card win over Colorado, and the left-hander struggled mightily with his control from the first inning.

Ray walked four of nine batters early on, but the Dodgers didn't get their first hit until Forsythe, Barnes and Puig delivered consecutive singles in the fourth in a go-ahead rally. game, it kind of threw things out of whack a little bit, but that's the format," said reliever Archie Bradley, who struck out Jansen in a rare at-bat for the Dodgers closer. "You have to win that game to get here. So it's about trying to use this off day the best we can to get

Drury kept it close with his no-doubt shot in the seventh on Brandon Morrow's first pitch, but the Dodgers rallied for another run in the bottom half.

healthy. The series is not over."

Roberts went to Jansen after Daniel Descalso's one-out double off Josh Fields in the Los Angeles Dodgers' Yasiel Puig swings for a RBI-single against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the fifth inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League Division Series in Los Angeles, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017.

eighth, and the vaunted closer reprised his multiple-inning dominance from last October, mowing down five straight batters, getting David Peralta on a groundout to end it.

#### Nationals 6, Cubs 3

In Washington, things were looking bleak for Bryce Harper, Ryan Zimmerman and the rest of the Washington Nationals. They had accumulated one run and four hits through the first 16 innings of their NL Division Series against the Chicago Cubs.

The situation was hardly ideal. Neither was the mood.

"You do your best to keep your spirits up. You get frustrated," Zimmerman acknowledged. "I don't want to say 'pressure,' but, yeah, I mean, the tension builds a little bit, I'll be honest with you. ... Pouting is not going to help you the next time you come up."

Power, though, will. Harper delivered a no-doubt-about-it, tying two-run homer in the eighth, and Zimmerman tacked on a three-run shot that barely made it over the wall moments later, lifting the Nationals to a comeback victory over the defending World Series champions on Saturday, evening their NLDS at a game apiece.

"Sometimes," Zimmerman said, "it takes kind of just one hit for everyone to exhale."

The Nationals were in serious danger of falling behind 2-0 in the series, entering the eighth trailing 3-1 after being shut out in Game 1. But the NL East champions broke out with five runs and four hits, thanks to two big swings from 2015 NL MVP Harper—only recently back from a left knee injury that sidelined him for 42 games—and longtime face of the franchise Zimmerman.

"I was kind of bewildered, because it's not too many teams or pitchers that have held us in check like that for a couple days," Nationals manager Dusty Baker said. "I just knew in the bottom of my heart that we were going to explode for some numbers, which we've done all year."

Indeed, his team reached franchise highs for runs and homers this season, and the Nationals were the only club in the majors with four players—including Harper and Zimmerman—who each topped 20 homers and 85 RBI.

The NLDS moves to Wrigley Field for Game 3 on Monday.

### Red Sox return home looking to avoid being swept by Astros

BOSTON (AP)—If the Boston Red Sox are nervous about the possibility of being swept out of the playoffs for the second straight year, they were trying hard not to show it on Saturday.

A year after losing in David Ortiz's final game and being eliminated 3-0 by the Cleveland Indians in the AL Division Series, Boston returns to Fenway Park again on the cusp of another early postseason exit.

The Houston Astros picked apart Boston's top two starting pitchers in Games 1 and 2, roughing up Chris Sale and Drew Pomeranz in back-to-back, 8-2 victories at Minute Maid Park.

With a victory in Game 3 on Sunday, Houston can advance to a league championship series for the first time since 2005, when it made it to the World Series. Brad Peacock starts for the Astros.

Back on its home field, Boston will try to stick around for at least another game, this time pinning its hopes with right hander Doug Fister, a June waiver signing who became a regular in the starting rotation only because of injuries.

Though Fister might not be the marquee name that Boston would ordinarily peg to be on the mound in his position, he isn't a stranger to it. In eight postseason starts, Fister has gone 4-1 with a 1.78 ERA. His teams were 7-1 in those games, winning each of the last three. Two of his seven victories also came with his team facing elimination.

"Now is not a time to change up our game plan or

our execution. It's a matter of going out there, staying with what we do and do what we do best," Fister said.

In New York, after a crushing loss, Yankees manager Joe Girardi spent the night pondering his decision not to challenge a critical hitby-pitch call during a gamechanging sixth inning.

His verdict?

"I screwed up."

Girardi took the blame Saturday after his call not to challenge possibly shifted the complexion of New York's 9-8, 13-inning defeat in Game 2 of an AL Division Series against Cleveland.

"I take responsibility for everything," Girardi said during a day off. "And I feel horrible about it."

New York trails 2-0 in the best-of-five series. Game 3 is

Sunday night at Yankee Stadium.

With New York ahead 8-3 Friday, Cleveland's Lonnie Chisenhall was awarded first by plate umpire Dan Iassogna on an inside pitch by reliever Chad Green.

Catcher Gary Sanchez immediately asked Girardi to challenge, and slow-motion replays showed that the ball hit the knob of Chisenhall's bat. The question was whether it first grazed Chisenhall's hand.

Plate umpires often rely on sound more than sight on such plays, making calls based on what they hear, as in, did a pitch nick the body, the bat or both? To get the ruling reversed, an umpire in the replay room would've needed definitive proof the ball completely missed Chisenhall's hand.

### US routs Panama in key World Cup qualifier

ORLANDO, FLA. (AP)— Teenage star Christian Pulisic scored with a brilliant touch to complete a field-length attack just eight minutes in, then split the defense with a pass that set up

with a pass that set up
Jozy Altidore for the
first of the forward's
two goals and put the
United States back on
track for next year's
World Cup with a 4-0
rout of Panama

rout of Panama on Friday night.

Pulisic fed
Altidore for a 2-0 lead in the After

19th. Altidore converted a penalty kick with a chip in the 43rd after Bobby Wood was fouled, and Wood added a goal in the 63rd.

The U.S. ended a three-match winless streak in qualifying and with 12 points and moved two points ahead of Panama into third place—the last automatic berth—in the North and Central American and Caribbean region. Honduras has nine points going into its match Saturday at Costa Rica, which is second with 15.

Goal difference means the Americans put themselves in great shape to reach an eighth straight World Cup, almost certainly with a win Tuesday at Trinidad and Tobago and likely with a draw if Honduras fails to win Saturday. The U.S. is plus-five to minustwo for Panama and minusseven for Honduras.

The region's fourth-place team advances to a playoff next month against Australia or Syria

"We could have finished better on the day and scored more goals," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said.

Playing his first international match since he turned 19 last month, Pulisic was moved to central midfield from the flanks by coach Bruce Arena and sparked the attack from the opening whistle with pace

and ball control seldom seen from Americans.

After Gabriel Gomez broke free from Omar Gonzalez and shot over the crossbar, Tim Howard's goal kick was headed forward by Bobby Wood about 10 yards past midfield.

Altidore one-timed the ball ahead to on a sprinting Pulisic, and the midfielder reached back with his left leg to flick the ball ahead. Pulisic jumped to avoid Roman Torres' challenge and used the outside of his right foot to play the ball forward. As goalkeeper Jaime Penedo came off his line, Pulisic used the outside of his right foot again to play the ball wide and jumped over Pinedo's outstretched arm. At the edge of the 6-yard box and just 2 yards from the endline, Pulisic reached with his right foot to slot the ball in, completing a 112-yard U.S. move. Pulisic tumbled over as the ball rolled in for his eighth goal in 19 international appearances, his fourth in the hex.

Pulisic created the second



goal when he played the ball between his feet and faked Michael Murillo on the left flank Pulisic broke ahead and fed Altidore, who split the center backs and redirected the ball in from 5 yards for his first goal of the hexagonal. At that point, Pu-

United States' Bobby Wood (9) and Panama's Fidel Escobar (4) go up to head the ball during the second half of a World Cup qualifying soccer match, Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, in Orlando, Fla. The United States won, 4-0

lisic had played a part in 11 of the Americans' 14 goals in the hex.

After Wood and Altidore failed to convert good chances, Wood drew the penalty kick when he exchanged passes with Paul Arriola along a flank, broke past Felipe Baloy, spurted diagonally into the penalty area and was pushed down by Armando Cooper. As Pinedo dived to his left, Altidore chipped the ball down the center for his 41st international game.

Hacked down several times by Panamanians, Pulisic was removed in the 57th minute and walked out to a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of 25,303 at Orlando City Stadium, which opened in February, Wood added his 10th international goal off a pass from Arriola.

Panama was trying to move into position to qualify for its first World Cup. The Panamanians were 90 seconds from advancing to a playoff against New Zealand four years ago, when Graham Zusi and Aron Johannsson scored late goals at Honduras, which dropped Panama behind Mexico and into fifth place

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**TAMPA,** Fla. (AP)—Tom Brady tied the NFL record for regular season

wins with some timely help from a porous New England defense showing signs of improvement.

Brady threw for 303 yards and one touchdown, and the Patriots held off the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 19-14 to rebound from a last-second loss that left them searching for answers to defensive woes.

The Super Bowl champions rebounded from a 33-30 loss to Carolina, despite Brady turning the ball over twice—on his first interception in eight regular-season games and a fumble on one of Tampa Bay's three sacks.

On a night when the offense gained 402 yards but only got in the end zone once, Brady lauded the defense, which slowed the Bucs down just enough to get the victory.

"They kept us in it all night," Brady said. "I wish we could have scored more points offensively, but defense really held their own."

### Brady ties record for regular season wins

Neither of Brady's turnovers led to points for the Bucs (2-2), who were was unable to do much offensively until the fourth quarter, when their comeback bid was hindered by two missed field goals.

"We responded," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said after the defense, which yielded 456 yards and 32 points per game through the first four weeks of the season, contained the NFL's No. 3 ranked passing attack until Jameis Winston rallied his team in the final 15 minutes.

"They had 100 yards in the first half. They moved the ball some. We made some plays." They made some plays," Belichick added. "(Giving up) a lot fewer points, you got a chance to win."

Brady threw a 5-yard TD pass to Chris Hogan in the second quarter, and Stephen Gostkowski kicked field goals of 27, 23, 45 and 48 yards for the Patriots (3-2).

Jameis Winston rallied Tampa Bay late with an 18yard TD pass to Cameron Brate that trimmed New England's lead to 16-14 with 2:09 remaining.

After Gostkowski's fourth goal put the Patriots up by five, Winston marched the Bucs from his 25 to the Patriots 19 before throwing an incompletion on the final play.

It might not have come down to a last-minute drive if not for another poor performance by Tampa Bay's Nick Folk.

The veteran kicker missed two field goals and an extra-point before beating the New York Giants on a last-second kick last week. He missed three more field goals Thursday night, including a 31-yarder in the fourth quarter that would have cut a nine-point deficit to six with just under six minutes to go.

"I left points out there," said Folk, who also misfired from 56 yards just before halftime and 49 yards on the second play of the fourth quarter. "We should have won the game 20-19, so this one's on me."

With his 186th career regular-season win as a starter, Brady tied Brett Favre and Peyton Manning for the most by a quarterback in NFL history. He also has 25 postseason victories, including five Super Bowls.

Playing without injured star tight end Rob Gronkowski (thigh), Brady was 30 of 40 passing with one interception. Danny Amendola had eight catches for 77 yards and Hogan had eight for 74 yards.

Defensively, the Patriots entered the night on pace to yield more than yards than any team in league history.

And, Winston and a young Tampa Bay offense that's progressively gotten better since he was selected first overall in the 2015 draft was hoping to be the latest beneficiary of New England's struggles.

Running back Doug Martin provided a lift in his return from a suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancers with 74 yards rushing and one TD.

But one week after throwing for 332 yards and three touchdowns without an interception and overcoming a pair of fourth-quarter deficits to beat the Giants, Winston was unable to move the ball consistently until the fourth quarter.

The Bucs didn't have a third-down conversion until late in the third quarter, and Martin's 1-yard TD came on a drive the Patriots kept alive with a hands-to-the-face penalty on third down.

Winston threw for 225 yards in the fourth quarter, finishing 26 of 45 with 334 yards and zero interceptions. DeSean Jackson had five receptions for 106 yards.

"You can't play them over again," Bucs coach Dirk Koetter said. "We let this one slip away. It was a good opportunity."

Brady opened the game with four straight completions before throwing his first interception of the season, over-throwing a wide-open Hogan

in the middle of the field to end a streak of 264 pass attempts without an interception.

Since 2003, New England is 44-6 in regular-season games following a loss. The Patriots have dropped back-to-back games only six times during that time span -- in 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012 and twice in 2015. As a starter, Brady is 44-10 in games following a loss.

Meanwhile, the Buccaneers honored Malcolm Glazer at halftime, inducting the late owner into the Ring of Honor at Raymond James Stadium.

Glazer, whose family still runs the team, died in 2014 at the age of 85. He purchased the franchise in 1995 for a then-record \$192 million.

The late owner joins Hall of Famers Lee Roy Selmon, Warren Sapp and Derrick Brooks, as well as former coach John McKay, Doug Williams, Jimmie Giles, Mike Alstott, John Lynch and Paul Gruber inductees. Former coach Jon Gruden, who led the Bucs to their only Super Bowl title after being acquired in a trade Glazer approved 15 years ago, will be inducted on Dec. 18.

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Saipan The **Electronic Darts** Association League is set to crown two

more division champions in the Bud Light Cup with the Ladies and Masters titles set to be contested today and on Wednesday.

SEDA regular season titlist Nipa Hut Exquisites is aiming to end the season with the Bud Light Cup when it takes on the VFW Bull It today. The opposing teams arranged a title showdown after dispatching separate opponents last week. The Exquisites and Bull It completed similar 8-4 wins over the Chow Time Momshies and the 6JMS Hot Mess, respectively.

The Exquisites and Bull It survived the gallant stands put up by their respective opponents as they mustered enough strength midway in each of their race-to-eight matchups to clinch the needed victories and arrange their title showdown.

In the Masters division, Oleai Nakayoshi escaped with a 9-8 upset win over regular season champs 6JMS Mafia. Chow Time Calamity Fun

# SEDA to crown 2 more champions



Oleai Nakayoshi players celebrate after escaping with a 9-8 upset win over regular season champs 6JMS Mafia in the Masters division of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light Cup last week.

earned the second finals berth after a 9-7 decision against 6JMS Pythons.

Jeff Barit, Jayson John, K.J.

Villagomez, and Jun Santos delivered for Nakayoshi in the final team event to secure the win for the first finalist.

In the Calamity Fun-Pythons match, the pairs of Jun Olita and Adrian Montalbo, and Zaldy Quebral and Greg

Sasamoto dispatched their respective opponents to give the last two wins to the Chow Time-sponsored squad.

The following were the results of the other games last week:

### Nadal chases 6th title of year, Halep secures top ranking

**BEIJING** (AP)—Simona Halep will take over the top ranking after reaching the China Open final on Saturday, and Rafael Nadal will play Nick Kyrgios for the men's title.

Halep beat French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko 6-2, 6-4, ensuring that when the WTA rankings are updated on Monday she will be the first women's No. 1 from Romania.

Halep could have reached No. 1 earlier but was upset in the French Open final by Ostapenko in their first career meeting.

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plete the plays.

ment in my life, and I want just to keep it," Halep said in Beijing. "And I have a few more dreams in my career. I tell you one, only one. To win a Grand Slam.'

Halep only had to reach the final this week-and not lose to Elina Svitolina of Ukraine in the final—to knock Garbine Muguruza from the top spot. Muguruza retired during her opening match on Monday because of a cold.

Top-seeded Nadal defeated third-seeded Grigor Dimitrov

last hosted by Saipan in 2013

before the event took a three-

"Marianas Cup is a very

vear break.

of Bulgaria 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 in the semi-**GLIPP** finals, his tour-leading 60th match win. Dimitrov's only

> victory against the Spaniard in 10 matches came last year in the China Open quarterfinals. On Saturday, his backhand cross-court winner secured the second set, on a second set point, on Nadal's serve in the 10th game.

But Nadal took immediate control of the third set, racing to 4-0.

Kyrgios didn't drop his serve in ousting secondseeded Alexander Zverev of Germany 6-3, 7-5 in the other semi. The Australian had an impressive 70 percent firstserve percentage and posted 11 aces to none for Zverev, who is normally known for his serving prowess.

Nadal and Kyrgios are tied at two matches apiece in their head-to-head, but the Australian won their latest outing in

August in straight sets in the Cincinnati quarterfinals.

Nadal is one of three players, along with Roger Federer and Zverev, to win five titles this year. He won the China Open 12 years ago.

"It's very important for me to continue with the positive feelings after winning the U.S. Open," Nadal said. "To be back here and be in the final with that very tough draw I had since the beginning is a great effort."

#### **TUESDAY B**

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- Xecutionerz 10, Boyz 5
- L.O.L. 9, Strikers 6

#### CHICHIRIKA C

- Knights 11, Bulls Hitters 4
- Hut Shot 10, Bull It 5
- Flukers 9, Scorpions 6

#### KINGFISHER C

- Hit'Em Up 12, Sunsports 3
- Parakeyu 8, Ridin'Darrty 7
- Re-Darts 8, Dart Vaders 7

#### **FANIHI B**

- Mafia II 13, Dart Crafters 2
- 80 Proofers 10, Shaka 5
- D'Strikers II 9, Bandits 6

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Davis added that despite the lack of funds, they would still promote weightlifting in the CNMI as they are counting on the help of private groups and other individuals. Some of the equipment they used last Saturday where loaned by the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, courtesy of Elias Rangamar, Gold's Gym, and personal plates by Tudela.

"What we really need are equipment and a place where our weightlifters could train. Right now, these guys train in different places. Hopefully, we could get a training space and that would be a lot of help in promoting weightlifting here," said Davis.

He added that he's also inviting Greg Calvo to join him in applying for licensure certification offered by the International Weightlifting Federation to become an international official.

"It would again benefit the local federation and we're letting IWF that we have weightlifting here."

Dee Clayton, Derek Cutting, Greg Borja, Jeanne Rayphand, and Alexa Saimon were among those that helped Davis in organizing and officiating the event.

### CAROL

victory in the opening set.

posting a 10-7 triumph.

ish, Lee and Tommaso each received 20 Juniors ITF ranking points, while the champions got 30 apiece. The Commonwealth player earned additional 20 ranking points for making it to the semifinals of the singles event.

the singles play after losing to China and No. 3 seed Zheng Hua Xiao in their semis showdown last Friday, 4-6, 1-6. Xiao was scheduled to face Wang in the all-Chinese title game yesterday and results of the finale were unavailable at press time.

Meanwhile, Lee left Perlis for Sarawak last weekend to compete in the 30th Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup, which will run from Oct. 10 to 15 at the Sarawak Lawn Tennis Association Centre in Kuch-

Lee missed a finals stint in ing. The CNMI bet is the sixth highest (No. 220) ranked player in the girls division and is likely to get seeding in the main draw. which will not be out until later this afternoon. The tournament in Sarawak is a Grade 3 event, which offers more ranking points, and will feature majority of the players that joined the tournament in Perlis, including Lee's Chinese tormentors and Astakhova. No. 83 Sohyun Park and No. 120 Sakura Hosogi are the two highest ranked player in the competition and are the early favorites.

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Complex in Kangar, Perlis to settle for the runner-up honors in the Grade 4 tournament. It was a tough loss for the No. 2 seed Lee and Tommaso as they even drew first blood in the title match, escaping with a 7-6 (5)

In the second set, Lee and Tommaso also engaged their opponents in a close match before Wang and Astakhova pulled off a 6-4 victory to send the championship game to a

super-tiebreaker third set. The decider turned out to be another back-and-forth duel with the Chinese-Kazakhs pair completing the come-from-behind win and avoiding the upset axe of Lee and Tommaso after With their second place fin-

#### CNMI Women's Team, as the us," Tan said during the sendhosts were up, 5-0, with 10 minutes left in the one-sided match. Complete results and other details of the two games in the Marianas Cup will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Tuesday edition.

In related news, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan thanked Guam Football Association for the revival of the Marianas Cup, which was

special tournament for us and for Guam. It was our first international/regional competition and there's always pride at stake every time the two islands play against each other. We thanked Guam for hosting

We hope to continue this ri-

valry and partnership in the

coming years," the NMIFA

head added.

off ceremony for the CNMI squads last Friday at Kanoa "Guam maybe 30 years ahead of us in terms of starting the soccer program, but we play the same style so it's always great to play against them to measure our progress.

# Basketball players sweep NMSA honors

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Basketball swept the September monthly honors given by the

Northern Marianas Sports Association during the group's monthly meeting at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Veterans Dan Barcinas and Eleina Santos bagged the Male and Female Athletes of the Month, while Dean Blake and Tinian's Sophia Cruz were named Tan Siu Lin Foundation/NMSA Male and Fame Student Athletes of the Month.

Barcinas had been a permanent fixture in CNMI basketball as the former Mt. Carmel School standout represented the Commonwealth in regional tournaments since he was 16 years old. He played for the Ol'Aces in last

month's Mariana Islands Basketball Federation-organized 3x3 Marianas Hoopfest and showed the moves that made him stand out in local and regional tournaments. Barcinas is known to be a defensive ace, but has also worked on his offensive skills as evident in his consistent outside shooting in the inaugural 3x3 tournament. With his all-around performance and help from the triumvirate of Preston Basa, Jack Lizama, and Douglas Schmidt, the Ol'Aces ruled the finals (against Almost, 21-6) aside from the winning the Saipan leg of the tournament.

Barcinas' performance in the 3x3 event earned him the top ranking in the CNMI, based on the FIBA digital ranking system. He tallied 23,760 points to place 9,807th out of the more than 110,000 registered players FIBA ranked in all competitions. The Ol'Aces also helped the CNMI take the 92nd spot out of the 189 participating countries in FIBA 3x3, four places ahead of Guam at 96.

Meanwhile, Santos, who was also a member of the CNMI junior national basketball team in 2010, just came back after finishing her college degree in the mainland. She is the daughter of former CNMI men's national team player John "Faceman" Santos. The former lacrosse player bullied her way against her defenders during the entire tournament to end up as the tournament's top scorer in the women's open division. She is ranked 84th overall in the CNMI and 54,909th in the world with 3,725 points.

Blake, the captain of the CNMI U17 team that won the silver medal in the Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Palau last year, led V-God to the Saipan leg U19 title and the overall crown. He played 11 games to rack up 5,733 points,

local rankings that also included players in the open division.

Cruz was the heart and soul of the Tinian girls' squad that won the U19 trophy. Her va-

earning him the 57th place in riety of moves inside the paint baffled her defenders and allowed her to clinch the top ranking in the girls U19 and 147th overall, including other divisions.



The Ol'Aces' Dan Barcinas, left, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as he is guarded by Tinian Alpha Males' Antonio Borja during their semis game in the finale of the 3x3 Marianas Hoopfest 2017 held early this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gynasium.

### Tropang Ridhors, Silencer keep streaks



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Tropang Ridhors stretched its win streak to three, BLUE HAUS while Silencer also got its third victory

in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Tropang Ridhors kept its unbeaten record (3-0) following a 91-71 triumph over the Gold Ballers in the second game, while earlier in the first match, Silencer also posted a double-digit win against the Green Archers, 101-88.

Angelo Fernando and Kelvin Fitial did the damage for Silencer, as they combined for more than half of the squad's output. Fernando exploded for 30 points despite suiting

up for Silencer late in the first quarter, while Fitial finished with 25 points, leading his team's attack late in

the second frame.

Silencer fell behind by as much as 7 points in the second canto, 32-25, but managed to recover and even stole the driver's seat at halftime, 44-42, thanks to Fitial's 9 points in that period.

Fitial continued to bulldoze his way into the basket against the much smaller frontliners of the Green Archers, while Fernando also hit his target to increase their lead to 7, 69-62, going into the final quarter.

Fernando went on to put the finishing touches in Silencer's victory, as he sizzled for 15 points in the payoff canto.

The win was third in a row for Silencer, which dropped its debut last month, losing to Green Minded, 58-89. The Green Archers are still winless in four games.

Also on a streak is Tropang Ridhors, which drew double figures from five players to dominate the Gold Ballers.

Ken Viray fired 28 points, Mevin Sahagun tallied 23, and John Paul Morales chipped in 13. Junar Guiab and Joy Dayrit registered 12 and 11 markers, respectively, to complete Tropang Ridhors' balance scoring.

After leading by only 3 at the end of the first quarter, 22-19, behind Viray's 14 points, Tropang Ridhors started spreading the wealth in the second resulting to a 45-35 halftime edge. Tropang Ridhors never looked back to hand Gold Ballers its second loss in three games.

#### First Game

Silencer 101— Fernando 30, Fitial 25, Usi 15, Perez 11, Estores 8, Culala 4, Arreza 4, Morales 3, Zapata 2.

Green Archers 88 rer 26, Danipog 19, Demapan 15, Arreza 12, Enriquez 4, Rotap 3, Tolentino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-19, 44-42, 69-62, 101-88.

#### **Second Game**

Tropang Ridhors 91 — Viray 28, Sahagun 23, Morales 13, Guiab 12, Dayrit 11, Surima 3.

Gold Ballers 71 — Velasco 19, Cortez 18, Mateo 17, Avila 9, Factor 6, Usi 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 45-35, 65-53, 91-71.

## Help find stolen ama of Napu canoe

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Napu Outrigger Canoe Club president Ponce Rasa is asking the public's help to locate the ama stolen from the club's canoe at the Kilili Beach last weekend.

"I am calling the public for their assistance in helping us find the ama. If they have any information, contact us or to stay anonymous, contact the authorities," Rasa said in an email sent to Saipan Tribune yesterday morning.

An ama is an outrigger float. Napu discovered its red canoe missing its ama yesterday morning when the club is preparing for the last long course race sanctioned by Northern Marianas National Paddling Sports Federation. Napu paddlers also joined the final tune-up sprints races last Saturday and the ama of the red canoe was still there. Then yesterday, Rasa said there was also an attempt to steal the ama of their other canoe (blue).

Napu had already reported the theft incident to the Department of Public Safety.

Rasa is appealing to the public to help locate the ama, as Napu paddlers are in the final stages of their preparation for the 2017 Micro Cup, which will be held in Guam from Oct. 26 to 29. The club will be sending a men's team and junior men's and women's squads to Guam.

To reach Rasa or Napu, send email to napuoutriggercanoeclub@gmail. com.

Meanwhile, results of the weekend's sprints and long distance races were unavailable at press time and will be reported later this week. Besides Napu, other groups that joined the final tune-up for the Micro Cup were Marianas Outrigger Canoe, Saipan Paddling Club, and Marianas Pacific Paddlers.



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Napu's red canoe is missing its ama and the club is seeking the public's help to locate the stolen

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# Guam nips CNMI in Marianas Cup



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he Guam All-Stars nosed out the CNMI Boys U18 National Team, 1-0, during their game in the Marianas Cup 2017 yesterday at the Guam Football Association **National** Training Center in Dededo.

The Teen Ayuyus held the hosts scoreless in the first half before Guam hit the lone goal



Players of the CNMI Boys U18 National Team pose for a photo during a send-off ceremony last Friday at Kanoa Resort. The Teen Ayuyus faced the Guam All-Stars in the Marianas Cup 2017 yesterday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.

### Carol settles for runner-up honors in Malaysia

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The CNMI's Carol Lee fell short in her bid for a third doubles title in the Juniors Juniors ITF Circuit after losing to the No. 1 seed team in the 1st ITF Perlis Junior Championship 2017.

Lee and her Australian partner Chiara Di Tommaso bowed to the top-ranked duo of Jiaqi Wang of China and Anastassiya Astakhova of Kazakhstan in an extended finale last Saturday at the Tuanku Syed Putra Tennis

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Carol Lee, seen here returning a shot in a tournament last year. finished runner-up in the doubles event of the 1st ITF Perlis Junior Championship 2017 in Malaysia last Saturday.

in the match in the 52nd minute. Devin Mendiola scored the winning goal—a right cross. The goal came off a broken play, as one of the Guam players went for a long kick.

The ball flew over center court and rolled all the way down to the penalty area with three CNMI defenders and two more Guam strikers chasing the leather. One of the Commonwealth's players then caught up with the ball and made a header. His shot was short and dropped in front of Mendiola, who took a few dribbles before unloading a

kick that dropped in.

Now ahead, Guam continued to be aggressive in the remaining minutes of the second half, but the CNMI's

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### start for NMI weight

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CNMI Weightlifting Federation president John H. Davis

said Saturday's Olympic-style event held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium was a start to promote awareness about their group and the sport.

Ray Santos, Joey Tudela, Angel San Nicolas, Brandy Onopwy, and Josh Mateo participated in the event and were given three tries within one-minute time limit in the snatch and clean and jerk. Their successful lifts were then tallied.

"This is just old school weightlifting and we plan to make this a series in preparation for the 2021 Pacific Mini

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Ray Santos performs one of his lifts during last Saturday's weightlifting event at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Games that Saipan will be hosting," said Davis. "This is a start and hopefully we could gain more attention in the CNMI."

The five participants are in different weight divisions with Santos lifting a total of 190kg followed by the 185kg

and 184kg of Tudela and San Nicolas, respectively. Mateo tallied 145kg, while Onowpy had 94kg.

"We're also competing in Vanuatu for this year's Mini Games in December. We could pull off some surprises but what we're shooting for

is the 2021 Games here on Saipan," said Davis.

Weightlifting had been a source of medals for the CNMI. During the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, the Commonwealth lifters collected 12 medals.

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